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STUDENT SENATE NOTES

Senate sets '05 budget

By Samantha White
For The Maine Campus

With the fiscal year coming to a close, this week's General Student Senate meeting was used to discuss and debate next year's annual budget.

The budget comes primarily from the \$35 Student Activity Fee that students who are enrolled in at least six credits pay at the beginning of each semester. Vice President of Financial Affairs Judson Ritter then estimates how many students will be enrolled each semester to come up with a total estimated revenue. There are usually more students enrolled than actually predicted, so there is usually a fairly high amount of rollover revenue. Next year's estimated revenue is \$525,000.00.

What is done with this money was the important issue that the Senate discussed on Tuesday evening. Many different groups at the University of Maine requiring funding receive a certain amount of this

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Set list for Bumstock finalized

By Matt Kearney
Style Editor

Following months of anticipation and speculation about this year's Bumstock, the band set list has been finalized, according to Bumstock Director Liz Hansen. New Jersey-based punk rock band Midtown will headline the event on Saturday, April 23, and while the band may not be as prominent as headlining acts of the past, Hansen said she is pleased with committee's work.

"I've gotten mixed-response [about Midtown], some people see the name and recognize it immediately and are really excited about it, but some other people haven't heard of them," she said.

However, Hansen said she is not worried about the fact that Midtown are not as well-known as Eve 6, last year's headliners, as the committee was more interested in finding a quality

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UMS board of trustees in hot water

Students leery
of proposed law

By Kristin Saunders
Editor in Chief

After sitting through five-and-a-half hours of testimony, two University of Maine students were able to speak from a student's perspective regarding the Maine State Legislature proposed bill, Legislative Document 1241.

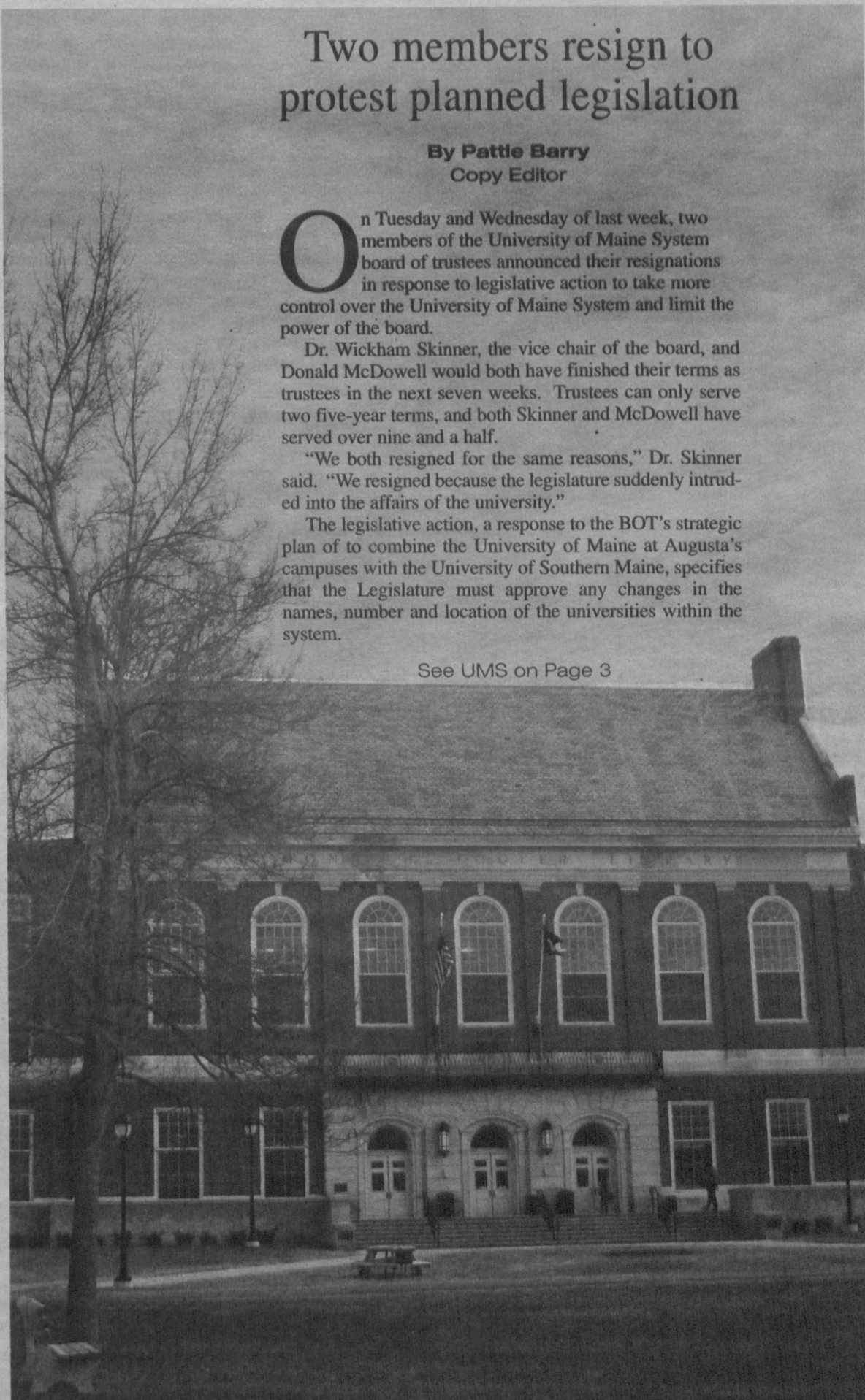
On Tuesday the UMaine students spoke among a barrage of other citizens who were either opposed to or proponents of the bill at the hearing regarding LD 1241 at the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

If passed, LD 1241 would require that prior to adoption or implementation of any restructuring plan, the University of Maine System board of trustees must first submit the restructuring plan to the joint standing committee of the state legislature having jurisdiction over educational matters, which would have the authority to report out legislation to approve or reject the restructuring plan. The bill is listed as emergency legislation because it would apply to any restructuring plan developed or adopted by the BOT after Sept. 1, 2004. The bill also states that the requirements of such plans are suspended and may not be implemented until the legislation approving the plan takes affect according to LD 1241's summary. LD 1241 is sponsored by Sen. Elizabeth Mitchell. Mitchell is also the chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

The bill refers to restructuring plans, mainly the strategic plan that was released by the BOT in March 2004. According to the March 24, 2004 issue of *The Maine Campus*, the proposal calls for "enhancing the prominence and research capabilities of the Orono campus, 'the largest institution in the system and one of the best poised for significant enhancement' while the system's other six universities would be consolidated into four institutions. All two-year programs would be phased out and passed on to the state's community college system, according to the plan."

UMaine students Sarah Knight and Mary Gratchell-Fenderson traveled to Augusta to speak at the committee hearing. The two both spoke in opposition of LD 1241 because they feel the strategic plan is beneficial to UMaine and all UMS students.

"The strategic plan is impor-



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Two members resign to
protest planned legislation

By Pattle Barry
Copy Editor

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, two members of the University of Maine System board of trustees announced their resignations in response to legislative action to take more control over the University of Maine System and limit the power of the board.

Dr. Wickham Skinner, the vice chair of the board, and Donald McDowell would both have finished their terms as trustees in the next seven weeks. Trustees can only serve two five-year terms, and both Skinner and McDowell have served over nine and a half.

"We both resigned for the same reasons," Dr. Skinner said. "We resigned because the legislature suddenly intruded into the affairs of the university."

The legislative action, a response to the BOT's strategic plan of to combine the University of Maine at Augusta's campuses with the University of Southern Maine, specifies that the Legislature must approve any changes in the names, number and location of the universities within the system.

tant to UMaine Students because it creates and consolidates more resources," said Gratchell-Fenderson, a senior elementary education major. "One of the points within the plan, element four, looks at expanding Fogler's digital library. With funding cuts research has been that much more difficult."

"My perspective is as a student," said Knight, a senior political science and art history major. "I think every student should have their voice heard."

Knight said she spoke about the nature of the intrusion the legislation would have on UMS. Knight has served in the past as the UMaine representative to the BOT.

"[LD 1241] takes the power and purpose out of the board of trustees," Knight said.

"I hope LD 1241 is not passed, administration upon administration upon administration is not necessary," said Gratchell-Fenderson.

Gratchell-Fenderson, who

previously served as the UMaine Off Campus Board President, believes that the strategic plan will benefit students. It was important for the committee to hear the concerns of the students affected by the plan and the legislation.

"Students are who will really benefit from the UMS Strategic Plan," Gratchell-Fenderson said. "So many of the speakers at the hearing were not students. I

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Apr. 14, 2005

Project Exposition

The College of Business, Public Policy and Health will hold a Student Research and Project Exposition from 3 to 6 p.m. in Donald P. Corbett Business Building. For more information contact Vicky King at 581-1968.

Induction

Phi Beta Kappa will hold its Student Initiation Ceremony at 3 p.m. in Buchanan Alumni House.

Aerobic class

A Toning Class will be held at 4 p.m. in Lengyel Gym. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Aerobic class

A Pilates Class will be held at 4:30 p.m. in Lengyel Gym. For more information contact Thad Dwyer on FirstClass.

Friday, Apr. 15, 2005

Thesis Symposium

The Honors College Thesis Symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Colvin Hall. For more information contact Barbara Ouellette at 581-3264.

Bible study

The Wilson Center will host a Bible study at 11 a.m. For more information contact Rev. Timothy Sylvia at 866-4227 or on FirstClass.

Go blue Friday

Wear blue to show your school spirit. For more information contact Student Records at 581-1298.

Saturday, Apr. 16, 2005

Research conference

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Student Research Conference will be held at 9 a.m. in the Mahogany Room in Wells Conference Center. For more information contact Dana Smith at 581-1954.

A night in Africa

Come and join in celebrating African culture at 8 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room in Memorial Union. The night will be filled with singing, drumming, dancing, poetry and food.

Sunday, Apr. 17, 2005

Worship service

The Wilson Center will host a Contemporary Nondenominational Worship Service from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information contact Rev. Timothy Sylvia at 866-4227 or on FirstClass.

Submitting information

Submissions for The Maine Campus Community Calendar are free, and can be sent on FirstClass to Diana McElwain or dropped off in The Maine Campus office located in the basement of Memorial Union. Please include all the important information about your event. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication. First priority will be given to events that directly affect university students.

Man summonsed for indecent exposure on Hilltop Quad

A man was issued a summons following an incident of indecent exposure at 11:40 p.m. April 7. An officer noticed a man outside of the west wing of Oxford Hall, urinating in the quad. The officer requested that he stop, and the man began running. The officer followed the man, who picked up a can of beer and attempted to enter the west wing of the dormitory. As a result, Aaron Kenneson, 19, of Orono was issued a summons for public indecency and possession of liquor by a minor.

Man summonsed for possessing fireworks

Officers observed three individuals on the Grove Street extension using fireworks at 1:26 a.m. April 8. All three individuals were identified, and one man produced a clear plastic bag with several types of fireworks inside. As a result, David Reid, 19, of Orono was issued a summons for possession of fireworks.

Man fails field sobriety driving test

An officer on patrol on Long



POLICEBEAT

By Justin M. Wozniski
For The Maine Campus

Road noticed a vehicle with a headlight out 2:05 a.m. April 9. The officer stopped the vehicle on Rangeley Road and detected a strong odor of intoxicating beverages. The driver, identified as Nicholas Greene, 20, of Windham claimed that he had not consumed any intoxicating beverages. Greene failed a field sobriety test, and a search of the vehicle produced two empty 40 oz. Colt 45 beverage containers, and another that was three-quarters full. A test showed that Greene had a blood alcohol level of .10. Greene was issued two summonses for OUI and illegal transportation of liquor by a minor.

Woman arrested for operating under the influence

An on-patrol officer observed a

vehicle exiting the Orchard parking lot 2:42 a.m. April 10 without the headlights on. The officer stopped the vehicle on Rangeley Road and reported that the driver's speech was slurred and she had difficulty locating the vehicle's registration. The officer detected a strong odor of intoxicating beverages. When the officer asked the woman if she had consumed alcoholic beverages, she responded that she had one beer. The woman failed a field sobriety test, and a test showed that she had a blood alcohol level of .16. The woman had an open beer in her purse. As a result, Emily Couturier, 21 of Winslow was issued a summons for OUI and was transported to Penobscot County jail.

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band opposed to a former big-name band in the twilight of its career.

"I wanted to find someone who didn't fall under what we call the 'Eve 6 Phenomenon,' someone that was big and everyone says 'Oh, they got a one-hit wonder from the '90s,'" she said.

Midtown will take the stage at 10:45 p.m., preceded by Paranoid Social Club at 9:45 p.m. and Zox at 8:45 p.m. The diversity of the three main bands speaks volumes about the rest of the event, as there is an eclectic assortment of bands which perform a range of music.

"It's a good combination of music and it will appeal to a wide-variety of audiences," Hansen said.

The committee focused on signing local bands, that people have heard of and are familiar with, especially campus, Maine and New England bands. Hansen said she hopes that the familiarity of some of these bands will help draw a large crowd.

"Some bands have been here before and people will recognize their names and it's going to draw them [to Bumstock] ... then hopefully they will stick around for bands they haven't heard before," she said.

This year's Bumstock got off to a slow start due to administration's uncertainty about whether or not Bumstock Field could be used to host the event. Construction of a new

recreation center was planned for February on the field, but these plans were eventually scrapped and Hansen received word that Bumstock 2005 was a go the last week of the fall semester.

According to Hansen this severely hindered the committee's ability to plan and contact bands where as last year's committee had the full two semesters to make arrangement.

"Some things that were done in October and November of last year, I wasn't being able to do until February and March," she said.

More problems arose over spring break when the event's insurance agency informed the committee they would not be renewing the contract. However, the committee was able to quickly remedy this problem by finding a new insurance provider.

The Bumstock Committee has a budget of \$50,000 which includes the cost of bands, insurance, security, tent rentals, staging, advertisements and everything else that goes into hosting the event.

WMEB will be handling the DJ tent this year, and are looking to diversify its acts and are currently looking into signing acoustic acts and as well as comedians, said Hansen.

The gates open at 12 p.m., with the first band of the day, Plan B, taking the stage at 1 p.m. Emilia Dahlin, The Murder Weapon, Third Floor View, Stalk the Ground, Skawabunga, Vague Valentine, The Aroclites, Soul Lemon, Too Late the Hero, Headstart! and Pete Kilpatrick are all scheduled to perform.

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The plan indicated that the UMA campuses, which consist of Lewiston, Augusta and Bangor, would be divided between USM, the University of Maine and the Maine Community College System. Lewiston, which USM runs most of their programs anyway, was not a controversial issue, said John Diamond, executive director of external affairs for UMS. The alignment of the Augusta and Bangor campuses was controversial among the faculty, staff and students of that facility, however.

Originally, the board members planned the merger to take place in the fall of this year, but UMS Chancellor Joseph Westphal decided several weeks ago that he would postpone the merger because a legislative committee wanted to look at what options might exist. The amendment the Legislature adopted was heard two or three days after the chancellor announced that he would postpone the merger, he said.

"The effect of that amendment terms control of naming and restructuring of the universities over to the Legislature, and historically it has been the responsibility of the board of trustees," Diamond said.

The BOT, whose members are appointed by the governor, has always controlled the system, which was formed in 1968. In the early 1970s, the Legislature removed any provision in the law which gave the Legislature authority to alter the names by striking those names from the law books, Diamond said.

"[The BOT] felt that it was the first step towards eroding the trustees' authority as citizen overseers of the university system. They felt that it politicized the decision about higher education," he said.

Skinner cited the decreasing budget supplied by the state as the reason for the mergers cited in the strategic plan.

"Every year we had to go pleading to the legislature for more money, and the state was getting in increasingly difficult financial straights," he said.

The goal behind the strategic plan was to become more self-sufficient and improve the financial problems of the state, he said.

"The issue is that the university system is in severe financial difficulty. The strategic plan was the first up by the trustees to solve the problem. The act of the legislature precluded solving the problem," said McDowell.

"There has been some concern that the voices have not been heard by the people in the



McDowell



Skinner

system about the convergence of the strategic plan," said Sen. Elizabeth Schneider — D, Orono, second majority seat on the education committee. The point of the legislative actions was not to be adversary to the BOT, but to make a "collaborative, mutual compromise" that meets the needs of the state, she said.

"The Legislature is not making decisions about the university rather than the trustees who have statutory responsibilities appointed by the governor," McDowell said. "That sets a terrible, terrible precedent. It happens in state after state, and in Maine we have been very, very fortunate to have been free of that until now ... we have run it without politics at all, and it's been a wonderful group of people and they work extremely hard, and the thought has always been on the educational processes and the universities' financial footing — not politics."

STUDENTS

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believe it was important to give a voice to the students and let the legislators know that we really do care."

When the two students arrived for the committee hearing, they had a number of people signed up to speak ahead of them. The students were among the people signed up on the fifth page of speakers. Knight said it is important for the legislators to hear from students. She said that the hearing room was so full that people were relocated to two other rooms where a microphone feed was established. She estimated that about 50 to 100 people spoke at the hearing and about one third of them being students from throughout the state.

"Administrators have said

that students are one of the most effective lobbyists," Knight said.

"While Sarah and I were waiting to speak, I was concerned that my comments would be cut off and I wouldn't have time to say what I felt needed to be said," Gratchell-Fenderson said. "I was told by a UMaine employee that my comments as a student needed to be heard."

Knight noted that the fate of the strategic plan won't be final depending on the passing of LD 1241, because it could still pass through the Legislature. But in the mean time the legislation awaits approval of the committee following a committee meeting.



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As deadline nears, groups offer tax help for students

By Justin M. Wozniak
For The Maine Campus

Income taxes are due Friday, Apr. 15, but students who have not filed still have the ability to send their forms out on time. Students in need of help filing income tax returns can receive assistance from volunteer accounting majors in the College of Business, Public Policy and Health.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a program coordinated with the Internal Revenue Service, is available at no charge to all students seeking assistance with completion of federal and state income tax forms and filing. VITA is comprised of approximately half a dozen students available to provide tax assistance services from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursdays in Room 218 of the Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

College students are also entitled to several special deductions based on their filing status and earned annual income. Many students are not aware of resources available to save money when filing, according to associate professor of accounting Dr. Steve Colburn. Colburn supervises VITA volunteers while they work on students' income tax forms.

"A lot of students aren't aware of deductions and credits," he said. "Some [students] don't know how to do their taxes, it's a new experience.

Some are leery of the process."

The Hope Credit and Lifetime Learning Credit are two deductions that are often utilized by students, according to Colburn. The Hope Credit covers 100 percent of the first \$1,000 of tuition expenses and other school expenses, plus 50 percent of the next \$1,000 of tuition and other school expenses, for a total of \$1,500 credit per student.

To qualify as a University of Maine student, a candidate must have freshman or sophomore standing, be enrolled in a degree-seeking program and must have no felony drug convictions.

The Lifetime Learning credit offers more than the Hope Credit, with fewer restrictions. Students can apply for 20 percent of a maximum of \$10,000 in tuition and fees, for a total of a \$2,000 deduction. Students are only required to take one course and do not require any specific class standing. There is no restriction on the number of times an individual can apply for the Lifetime Learning Credit.

Expenses that do not apply for a deduction include, but are not limited to, room and board, transportation expenses, insurance, textbooks, classroom supplies or extracurricular activity supplies, such as athletics, unless the activity is a conditional requirement for enrollment, according to TurboTax Educational Credits Rates and Rules.

Students who find the tax forms difficult to complete or who have questions about deductions can stop by VITA without an appointment. Colburn said many students have difficulty filing taxes due to working at a number of difficult locations.

"We also get students who work in Maine and another state," Colburn said. "Students often approach VITA in need of assistance with filing because they are often unaware that out-of-state revenues must be reported on the Maine income tax form. On Maine forms you have to report all income, including other states."

Most students will receive a refund on income tax returns, because they typically do not have enough earned income to pay taxes, according to Colburn.

"Most students I've run into are entitled to a refund," he said.

The IRS and the Maine Revenue Services Web sites both have electronic filing resources available at no cost.

"Generally, electronic filing speeds up the process by a week or two," Colburn said.

If students select direct deposit, it can decrease the return time an additional week or two, according to Colburn.

He said that filing on time is important to ensure that debts to the government do not accrue with steep interest penalties, and so returns can be processed quickly.

Failure to file a return or fil-



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MEGAN MARSANSKIS

HEADACHE — Students are not exempt from rushing to get their taxes in by the April 15th deadline.

ing late can be costly. If taxes are owed, a delay in filing may result in penalty and interest charges that could increase tax bills by 25 percent or more, according to the IRS Web site. There is no penalty for failure to

file a tax return if a refund is due. Waiting too long to file can cause individuals to lose a refund. In order to receive a refund, the return must be filed within three years of the due date.

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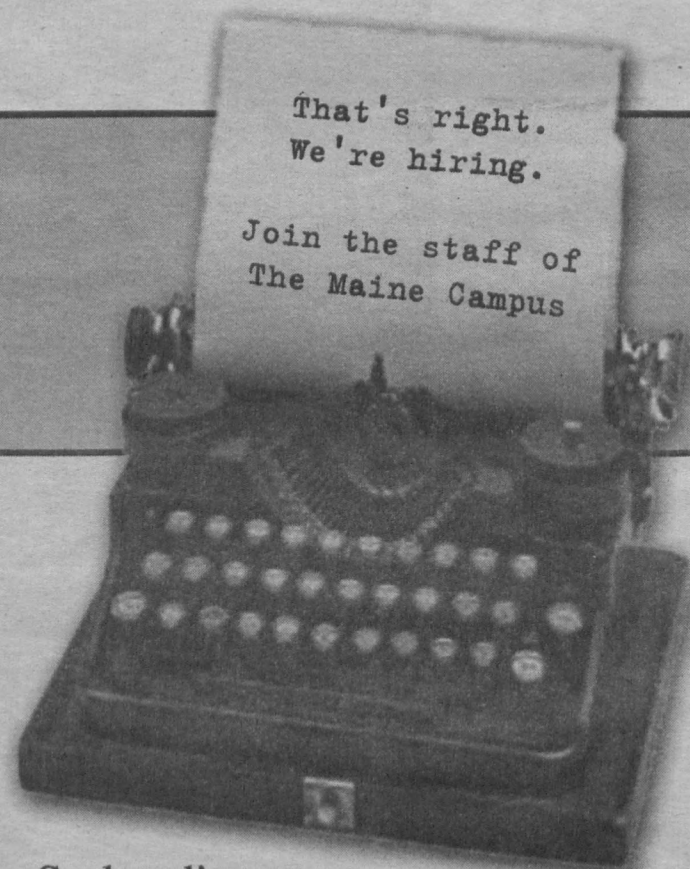
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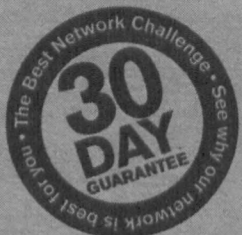
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SENATE

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money. The GSS held its meeting to argue or change any of the funding. Several debates spurred.

The first debate arose over whether or not to pay \$800 for the Fair Elections Practice Committee's inauguration event. Sen. Sarah Bigney suggested that this be amended down to \$100, because she did not feel that \$800 was needed for this event.

"Spending it for ourselves is not an appropriate way to use student funds," she said.

Sen. Robert Strauss argued that this event, if held in the Bangor Room like the previous event was, could get the word of the Senate out to the general student public.

"In the Union, [students] might just be passing by, and say, 'hey look, an event, let's go check it out,'" Strauss said.

It was also argued that this event did call for a nice venue, and President Kate O'Brien pointed out that being inaugurated as the president or vice president of the student body is a prestigious honor. Many important faculty and administrators attended previously, and it was a way for them to meet the people who are leading the student body.

The amendment failed, and the amount was stationed at \$800.

The amount of money issued for office furniture for the Student Government office was also amended from \$1,500 to \$500.

The next issue that arose was the amount of money that was issued to the Senate for conference and traveling. Sarah Bigney suggested to amend the amount of \$2,500 down to \$500. O'Brien said the

conference is an essential part of making Student Government work.

"These conferences educate members of the Student Government to come back and better the organization, because we're not perfect," she said.

Although other conferences do occur, O'Brien said the largest Student Government conference in the country, COSGA — Conference on Student Government Associations — would largely benefit the Senate.

"If we don't educate our members, I don't see how we're going to learn," O'Brien said.

Sen. Michael Mack said he agreed.

"Our Student Government is one of the few student governments in the nation that is a corporation," he said.

This amount was also decided to be kept at \$2,500. The rest of the budget was reviewed and approved by the Senate.

Other events at Tuesday's meeting included appointing two new senators. For Business, Public Policy and Health, Jesse Oullette, and for ACE, Jennifer York. Both expressed their eagerness to begin working with the senate.

A few resolutions were also briefly discussed. The first was an act to allocate \$1,200 and also \$1,584.50 to the Asian Student Association for their annual event, A Taste of Asia. They first held it last year at Wells Commons, expecting between 200 and 250 people, and ended up with closer to 350 people. They were charged by the plate, so they ended up owing \$1,584.50. Judson Ritter said they should be given this money.

"EBC felt that they should not be punished for a good event," he said.

The \$1,200 was to hold the same event this year. The meeting ended with all resolutions passing.

Students discuss Cuban nation

Myths, realities of island focus of talk sponsored by Peace Studies

By Randy Perkins
For The Maine Campus

Think Cuba is a mystery? Think again. "Cuba: Myths and Realities" was the title of a discussion sponsored by the University of Maine Peace Studies program Tuesday night in Neville Hall. The discussion was centered on the experiences that a group of 22 people, nine of which were either students or faculty, had during their recent trip to Cuba this past spring break.

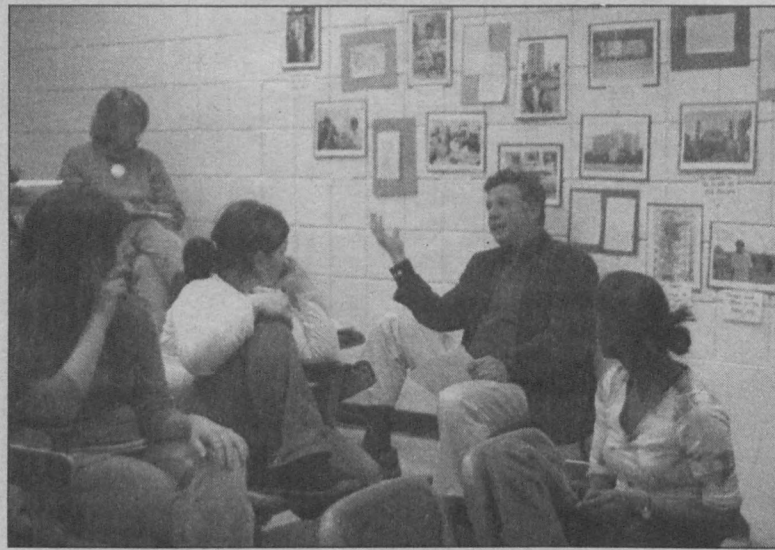
Peace studies instructor Barbara Blazej said that the group members wanted to dispel some of the stereotypes that many Americans have of the small island country only ninety miles from Miami.

"We want to share what we saw and bring a little bit of balance to the conversation," she said. "Part of what so interesting about Cuba is you have this group of people who have been struggling to survive in the face of what they see as continued U.S. aggression."

Before the presentation began, Blazej laid out a disclaimer, saying the members of the group were not experts on Cuba; they were simply sharing their views on what they saw while on their trip. They also wanted to make it clear that they did not think that Cuba was a heaven, but it certainly was not a hell either.

The group traveled to Cuba through a national organization called "Witness for Peace." According to the organization's Web site, it is a "politically independent, grassroots organization ... committed to nonviolence" with a mission to "support peace, justice and sustainable economies in the Americas by changing U.S. policies and corporate practices which contribute to poverty and oppression in Latin America and the Caribbean."

The discussion began with a slide show of approximately 25 slides taken during the group's recent trip.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

CIRCLED AROUND — Alex Grab answers students' questions about his experiences in Cuba with the grassroots' organization "Witness for Peace" on Tuesday night.

The slides showed dilapidated houses, automobiles dating from the 1950s and clothes that have gotten the longest possible use by their owners. They displayed scenes of statues and building murals depicting the figures of Cuban revolutionaries such as Jose Marti and the world famous face of Che Guevara.

"I have hundreds of slides and I can go on for hours and hours," Blazej said, "but I only have so much time."

After the presentation, UMaine history professor Alex Grab gave a brief history lesson dating from the days of Columbus and Spanish rule to several revolutions, up to the present day U.S. trade embargo and travel ban against Cuba. He used this history lesson to show how the characters of Cuba its people of Cuba have been shaped throughout history. He said that Cubans have been resilient while living in a society that is still in a self proclaimed state of revolution. A revolution led by Fidel Castro that Grab said had two main goals.

"[They were] being free of any

control by the United States and to maintain, as much as possible, social equality to close the gap between classes," he said.

A list of 30 initial impressions of Cuba was given by Phyllis Brazee, director of the Peace Studies Program. These impressions were both positive, negative and initially surprising to Brazee and the rest of the group. She placed emphasis on Cuba's universal health care and education as well as government subsidized housing, also pointing out that while in Havana she saw no homelessness, but when she came back to New York she immediately saw the opposite.

The major theme of the discussion was to commend Cuba on its resiliency over the past 50 years, and to show that even though the world's greatest superpower has an embargo against the island nation, they are still able to provide themselves with universal health care, free education, and most of all a sense of pride for their country that Americans don't get to see, 90 miles away from their home.

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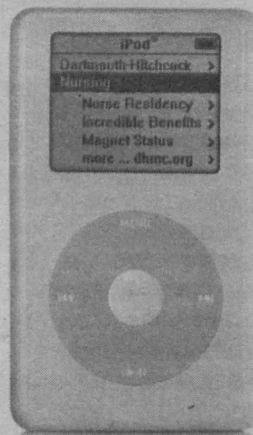
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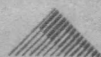


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Office aids in summer job search for students

By Maeghan Naimie
For The Maine Campus

Summer is fast approaching and many students are still unsure of what they want to do during their break. To help solve this problem, the University of Maine offers a database of available jobs for its students.

The due date for summer work study applications has already passed, but the Office of Student Employment also offers resources to students who are just interested in finding something to do, whether it is camp counseling out of state or a local internship in their field of study.

The listing includes jobs offered on and around campus for this coming summer. It also includes payroll information, and alternative possibilities, such as paid internships. Emma Banks, an Office of Student Employment student administrative aid, said many in-state and out-of-state camps mail or fax their job descriptions to the Office of Student Employment, so they can add them to their list.

"We send out a mailing to both on and off-campus employers that usually post job offerings with us to see what they have available each year. We have a form that they fill out and send back to us with general information on their job offerings," she said. "We work with students who want to find jobs on campus that have ideas in mind. If a student really wants to work with a certain field, the department is usually very open, and helps find a position that fits the student's expectations."

Andrea Gifford of the Career Center said students had access



INFORMATION OVERLOAD — The Career Center, located on the third floor of Memorial Union, provides an abundance of information for students searching for a summer job or internship.

to job information right on campus.

"The Career Center is also a good place to look. They have a lot of paid internships that offer you experience in your field. The department of your major may also have graduate contact information, so they could get you in a position to have an internship with a UMaine graduate."

There is also a program for those who don't want a steady job. "Fast Money" is a listing of jobs that range in duration from a month to a day. This is also an option for UMaine students.

The Office of Student Employment Web site also has information on what paperwork you need to have filled out to be

hired, training that may be required, eligibility, possible hour limitations, and volunteer options. There are also links to almost all of the required eligibility paperwork.

One of the summer job listings is for the Fresh Air fund. They are a group of five camps, located 65 miles north of New York City. The Fresh Air fund has been a Not-for-Profit agency since 1877, who offer free summer vacations to over 1.7 million inner-city children.

Their listing states, "For many of these children, it will be their first time away from the sweltering concrete and dangerous streets. You can be one of over 400 counselors from around the world who are there to share the excitement, the tears, the

achievement and the challenge."

Banks said such camps were a common opportunity available to students

"Right now, we have a lot of summer camp listings," said Banks. "They have been coming in as early as a month ago. They send posters and listings on their job offerings. A lot of camps need counselors for the summer."

This week is also Student Worker Appreciation Week. The Office of Student Employment is raffling off free prizes for student workers and is also offering many other free gifts.

To find more information on summer jobs visit The Office of Student Employment has a job search database at www.umaine.edu/studemp.

Safe stolen from CAB headquarters

By Justin M. Wozniak
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine Public Safety Department is asking the public to assist in identifying a suspect in a recent burglary in Memorial Union.

The burglary is said to have occurred between 5 p.m. Friday and 6 a.m. Monday when an unidentified individual removed a Sentry-brand combination safe from the Campus Activities and Events office on the second floor of Memorial Union, according to Detective Chris Gardiner.

The safe is said to weigh between 80 and 100 pounds. Gardiner was unable to release information on other items inside of the stolen safe, stating that they may assist in the investigation.

Officers were able to lift fingerprints from around the office that may help to identify a suspect. Anyone seeing suspicious activity, or the removal of a safe from Memorial Union is asked to report information to Public Safety at 581-4040, or anonymously through the department's Web site.

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Legislative, administrative breakdown

On Tuesday, both opponents and proponents of Legislative Document 1241 voiced their views at the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The committee heard testimony regarding the bill that is essentially trying to create a system of checks and balances for the University of Maine System board of trustees.

The bill would stall the strategic plan released by the University of Maine System last March. It calls for major restructuring to the system, including consolidating campuses throughout the state.

University of Maine student Mary Gatchell-Fenderson, got it right when she said, "... administration upon administration upon administration is not necessary."

But in any case, the administrations should work together, rather than trying to govern each other. Maine taxpayers might be concerned how their money is being spent within their public university system, but in any case additional red tape and partisan politics not the answer, rather cooperation and working towards one goal: educating the students of Maine.

Lifestyles of the rich, the Student Senate

The recent efforts of one student senator to question some of the General Student Senate's expenditures demonstrates a growing concern for what some have deemed a misappropriation and squandering of student finances.

The amendments brought before G.S.S. called for a reduction in spending for senate-centric events. Budgets, such as travel, inaugural and office furniture for G.S.S. senators and officers' necessity were all questioned. The budgets, except for the furniture budget, were deemed essential to the group's function and remained unchanged. The office furniture budget was slashed by \$1,000 dollars.

The role of student government is an important one, but spending \$800, seven times last year's budget of \$100, on the G.S.S. inauguration seems self-serving and selfish to student groups who could use that money to function more efficiently, not more lavishly.

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Foibles, follies of Thefacebook

Yet another anonymous tool to critique your peers with

It's official: I never need to leave my apartment again. Not that I had many reasons to venture beyond my front door anyway, other than to access the grill on my porch, or to sit on the front steps and throw rotten fruit at small children. Thefacebook.com is now my substitute for human interaction. It's replaced instant messaging as my means of communication with society, and clearly, I'm not alone.

Thefacebook allows me to fill my people-watching needs without ever leaving my computer chair. It used to take an entire afternoon to observe and catalog others' behavior, but now I'm able to do a facebook search and, just like searching for sex offenders on the State of Maine Web site, I'm able to peruse mini-biographies of just about every student at the University of Maine. The creep in me says, "Thanks, facebook." The small portion of my

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brain that still thinks rationally says, "Holy shit, what a bunch of self-important pricks."

Thefacebook fills the tremendous gap AOL and AIM profiles leave - you can only cram so much information into those little "My Profile" text boxes AIM provides. With facebook, a person is able to enter information such as classes, interests, a variety of "Favorites" lists and a plethora of personal information. I know more about the average UMaine freshman on facebook than I did about my last girlfriend. And where AIM buddy lists failed

— the number of buddies you have can't be seen by others — the facebook shines. Here, you can plainly see how many "friends" each facebook member has. This is great, because clearly, the more friends you have, the more popular you are. And popular people are always better people. It's the high school lunch table battle of the new millennium.

As with any new technology, thefacebook provides a number of unique ways to embarrass oneself. The site is even starting to develop its own rules of etiquette. Take, for instance, your photo. Don't just grab any old photo of yourself that's sitting on your hard drive; be sure and get the most outrageously self-serving picture you can find. You may even want to get a friend to digitally edit it for you. If you don't feel like you come across as a big enough

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Letters to the Editor

•Edifying UMaine engineers

I have followed your articles on the Engineering and Science addition to Barrows Hall with interest. For the information of your readers, I would like to point out that the designer of this project, Boston's Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbot — SBRA — was selected by a committee that included Dr. Larry

Matthews, dean of the College of Engineering and Professor of Civil Engineering; Dr. Robert Lad, Professor of Physics and Director of the Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology; Dr. Davic Frankel, Senior Research Scientist; and Dr. James Patton, R.N. Haskell Power Engineering and Professor and Chairperson, Department of

Electrical and Computer Engineering, no longer at UMaine, among others.

This group of distinguished faculty worked with Facilities Management personnel throughout the design and construction of this project. Consultants to the design

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FACEBOOK

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jackass in real life, scare a freshman new media major into Photoshopping a bunch of hundred-dollar bills behind a photo of you running with the football. Make sure to add some flame to that football, and throw some cops in there for good measure. A photo like this dictates, of course, that you preface your name with "The," because there can only be one facebook chump as big as you.

Ladies, if you're looking to get laid, or just to advertise that you'll spread your legs for any "balla" at Ushuaia's, avoid using your high-school yearbook photo. Find the glamour shots you had done without your mom's knowledge when you were 17, or just have a friend snap a picture of you wearing a handkerchief you're trying to pass off as a skirt. If you go this route, it helps to be under the influence and holding some sort of alcoholic beverage. That way, if your choice of dress didn't indicate it, other facebook members will know that you're easy. It goes without saying that your "Interests" section should include "clubbin!," "partying!" and "dancin" at USHIS!!!!". May I suggest adding "Having sex with any warm-bodied male"? Just so nothing is left to chance, of course. It helps to load this section with random rap and hip-hop lyrics. Throw in some cliched quotes about life for good measure.

The "Favorites" section can be very useful. If you're not a big reader, be sure and put something intelligent such as the following under "Favorite Books": "Me reading a

book PICTURE THAT WITH A F*CKIN KODAK...F*CK BOOKS." Guess what? I bet books are all set with you, too. The "Favorite Quotes" section is where you can put those one-line gems that make sense to you and just one other person on the planet Earth, ensuring that all those who see them will want to be in on the big joke as well. Quotes such as "i am 21 sir...bad chinese food...i suggest you don't have it" fit in pretty well here, and have me wanting to hear the hilarious back story.

Thefacebook allows me to find out about other people — in their own words, of course. Since humans never lie or have a tendency to put themselves in a good light, it's a scientific way to gather data on students. There are some categories I'd like to see added to facebook, though. It would be helpful to have a "Venereal Diseases I Currently Have" category, with a chart that's tracking your outbreaks so I know when we can get it on and when I should move on to the next piece of fresh facebook meat. A checkbox for "Will you move in with me and take all my damn money," might be nice, as would an option to indicate whether or not you "Plan to string boyfriend or girlfriend along while taking the damn money." I'd also like to know up front — via a facebook group, possibly — if you "Never wear underwear when going out," because it's awfully hard to cop an under-the-skirt feel with a beer in one hand and a cigarette in the other.

I'm off to check my facebook profile right now — I anticipate an invitation to the "I like to Drop it like it's Hot" group any day now.

Aaron Barnes is a senior English major, who is currently in the Facebook Protection Program.

STUDENTS

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From the viewpoint of many academics, Bush and his supporters do not believe in evidence-based, scientific, rational decision-making. That's why the emergency contraceptive has still not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, why the brothers Bush tried to keep Terry Schiavo alive and why global warming is ignored.

Now that religion and right-wing ideology drive politics in Washington, many professors naturally felt that rationalism itself was under attack. Evolution cannot be mentioned in some science museums in the United States and in some high school biology classes, science has been replaced by faith. Not surprisingly, many professors mistrust the Bush Administration.

For a brief moment in the late

1960s and early '70s, liberals and radicals on some campuses exerted strong influence on curricula and on university policy and not since then, with few exceptions. Conservatives pushing a student bill of rights are apparently still frightened by the '60s. They haven't noticed that present-day universities house very few radicals and that programs supporting social change such as ethnic studies, peace studies and women's studies are often marginalized and struggling.

Before we get on the "student bill of rights" bandwagon, let's ask for evidence that conservative students are treated unfairly. Anecdotal evidence will not do — anyone can claim that his or her low grade resulted from professor bias. Conservatives are quite safe on our campuses, they need no special protection.

Margaret Cruikshank is a lecturer in women's studies and a faculty associate of the Center on Aging at the University of Maine.

see their individual Web sites. The committee members did a fine job selecting highly qualified designers, consultants and contractor.

With respect to absorption chilling, this is a technology that is working very well in Aubert Hall, the other high-tech building where we have introduced it. Absorption chilling is an integral part of the plans for a cogeneration initiative that will help address the ever-growing electricity consumption and cost on this campus.

Anita Wihry
Director of Facilities
Management

LETTERS

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firm SBRA included Research Facilities Design of San Diego — clean room — and Shooshanian Engineering Inc., an engineering firm based in Boston — mechanical systems — all of which are firms of national, and international, repute. The contractor, Pizzagalli Construction, is a regional firm known for the quality of its work. For additional information, please

Delving deeper into gender dysphoria

Rebuttals fail to address causes of fabricated condition

I had two rebuttals to my article on transgenderism, "A sex change won't do you good," [The Maine Campus, April 7] a letter from Charlie Brickham and a column from Claire Folsom [The Maine Campus, April 11]. Both said I was uninformed, chiefly because I reject Karl Ulrich's 1868 notion of "women's souls in men's bodies."

Brickham reminded readers that "Gender roles are preconceived social constructs and expectations placed upon a person at birth and taught throughout life." Contradictorily, he also stated that transgenderism is a "conflict between their biological sex and their true gender." Brickham also asserts that transgenderism is a "genetic characteristic." So, which is it, biological or social? Brickham does a superb job of demonstrating the simple logical flaw in the accepted origin theory of transgenderism. How can gender be both socially constructed and a genetic trait? I conclude it cannot.

Transkids.us says "Continuing to treat transsexuality as a problem of 'gender identity' confuses the issues and makes an accurate description of the psychology of transsexuality impossible."

Transgenderism is a slippery field based on feelings and emotions. Transgendered author Dr. Madeline H. Wyndzen admits, "As a scientific psychologist, I am surprised at how little attention has been given to conducting empirical work to understand transsexuality."

MIKE
HARTWELL



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

What wasn't reflected in Monday's paper was the number of ad hominem attacks I've received in the past week, both written and verbal. These attacks didn't attempt to discredit my scientific view, they attempted to discredit me. I've been called bigoted and ignorant and told that this is a gay issue — it's not — and that I don't have the right to a view. Sadly, these same tactics are commonly used on anyone who questions the transgendered community.

In 2003, Dr. J. Michael Bailey, then head of the Psychology Department at Northwestern University, published "The Man Who Would Be Queen." His book said that there are two very different types of trans-folk with two different reasons for gender dysphoria. The first type, which Claire and Charlie appear to belong to, are known as autogynephilic and are attracted to women. The second group, homosexual transsexuals, are hyper-effeminate, exclusively gay men.

Some members of the transgendered community, mostly autogynephilic, didn't like Bailey's well-researched view. They attacked Bailey's credentials and pressured Northwestern to investigate him

for research misconduct pertaining to informed consent. Please note that even if the charges were proven to be true they would not disprove any of his findings.

The Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association — HBGDA — whose ideals were refuted by Bailey, tried to influence the investigation. Psychologist Dr. Ray Blanchard, head of Canada's most established gender clinic, was so disgusted by HBGDA's attempt to interfere, that he responded with an angry public letter.

In regards to discussing issues like this in universities, political science professor Amy Fried said "Part of getting an education is learning about different views, assessing evidence and arguing about both — it is not about being in a safe bubble with people and ideas with which you agree. If you don't like someone's position against gay and lesbian studies or against the Bush administration's foreign policy, then make an argument about why you don't like it. Not only is saying "I'm offended" not an argument, it is personal. It is a personal statement about one's feelings and the other person, who you have labeled as offensive."

It's heartbreaking to see how many narrow-minded people are on this campus. We'd all be better off, conservative and liberal, if we pulled our fingers out of our ears and just listened to each other.

Mike Hartwell is a senior journalism major.

Watch out, Urkel's packing heat

Why geeks, dorks, scumbags, losers seem to get the girls

I'm friends with this incredibly hot chick — just play along. She has a picture-perfect face and her hair always smells beautiful, so, I'm pretty sure she showers. The other day she gave me a kiss, and I swear she tasted just like vanilla ice cream. As my Weight Watchers councilor can attest, I really love vanilla ice cream. Not to mention, she has an ass that can stop traffic and her breasts are so big and perky that a small village could seek refuge under them. She is also smart, funny, and, like me, she loves episodes of "Unsolved Mysteries." Also like me, when she hears Robert Stack's spooky voice, she pees in her pants a little bit. Yes, I believe that her and I are a urinating match made in heaven.

However, there is just one problem keeping us from our peeing paradise: Her boyfriend. For the past seven years, she has been dating a guy named "Dug." That's right, Dug. He spells his name without the "o" like the past tense of "dig" — which in itself is ironic because there's not a whole lot about Dug that I really dig.

First of all, Dug Tivos the "Golden Girls." Now, while I enjoy Bea Arthur's work as

TRAVIS
COWING



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

much as the next person, but there is no reason that a heterosexual male in his twenties should have her on Tivo.

Also, I'm completely aware that I'm not the best-looking cow on the farm, but Dug is just downright repulsive. It looks like his face caught on fire and someone beat the flames out with a metal baseball cleat. Dug also thinks that taking a shower means spraying himself a couple of times with that miniature hose on the back of the kitchen sink. What I'm trying to say is that Dug is a gigantic hard-on.

But you see, my situation is not an isolated one. I see girls all of the time who have complete douches for boyfriends. Part of me hopes the girls are being paid off, or maybe they had small microchips planted in their brains like in the movie "The Manchurian Candidate." But the sad reality is that all of those theories are just wishful

thinking. I think I know the real reason that women date geeky guys: They have tremendously enormous penises.

I mean think about it, in order to keep balance in the universe, Mother Nature has to make up for people's shortcomings in other ways.

For example, a kid I graduated with named Rodney was a complete dork. Everyone in my class picked on him all day — until we saw him in the shower after gym. Rodney's member was massive. It looked like a piece of drain pipe you find on the shelf at Home Depot. Seriously, it looked like one of those empty paper tower rolls with a red softball on the end.

So, the next time your walking down the street and you see some nerd with a hot brunette in tow, rest assured he's packing some serious equipment. All I know is that I've got my penis pump on order. They said it will take six to eight weeks to get here. Until then, I'm gonna be hanging out with my hot friend, watching Robert Stack together. Will she dump her boyfriend and go out with me? Well, that remains a mystery.

Travis Cowing has a sixth sense for identifying dorks.

go.

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Thursday, April 14
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Friday, April 15
Minsky Recital Hall
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Friday, April 15
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Karaoke
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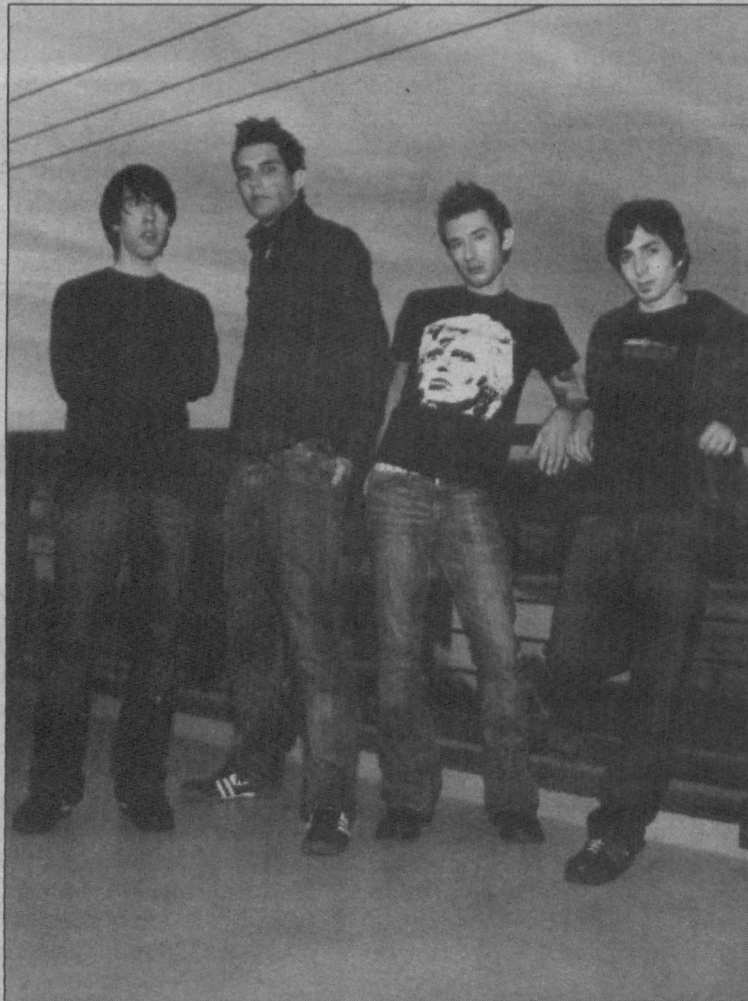
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Midtown to headline this year's event

By Matt Kearney
Style Editor

The Bumstock Committee's decision to sign Midtown as the headlining act of this year's event is an interesting one. Obviously, the committee wanted a band that some students might have heard about, but isn't so big that they would run the risk of not having them show up, a la Fat Joe. That being said, Midtown was a pretty good choice, and a band that will most likely appeal to many college students, even those who are not familiar with them.

The New Jersey-based band first burst into the mainstream music scene in 2000 with the release of their first major label album, "Save the World, Lose the Girl" and solidified the band as promising new musicians. However, their next two efforts, "Living Well is the Best Revenge" and 2004's "Forget What You Know" failed to capitalize on the success of their debut and the band has missed the ears of most mainstream music fans.

While both of their second two albums are solid releases, they were not as catchy as their debut. Their first single off "Forget What you Know," "Give it Up" received some airplay as well as time on MTV.

Some students may not be too enthused about a headlining band they might not have heard about, but as long as Midtown brings high energy, they are just as capable of an inspiring show as any other band out there. Download — legally, of course — MP3s of the band's best songs: "Let Go," "Just Rock & Roll," "Frayed Ends," "Like a Movie" and "You Should Know" to get a feel for the group.

Paranoid Social Club and Zox are two fairly routine choices for the committee as both seem to be performing in the Orono every other week or so. For those of you who haven't seen or heard PSC, the Portland-based group combines punk, soul, ska, rap and many other types of music to create a fairly unique sound. The band's Dave Gutter and Jon Roods were founding members of Rustic Overtones, and a few the Rustic Overtones' sounds can be heard in PSC. The band is particularly popular in the Portland area and have a had a single adorning the airwaves in the past.

The success of Bumstock will rely on the performances of the bands playing and the attitude of the those in attendance. If the student body can get over the fact that no A-list band is performing and accept Bumstock for what it is, then things could be very promising.

BUMSTOCK SETLIST

- 12:00 Gates Open
- 1:00 Plan B
- 1:45 Emilia Dahlin
- 2:15 The Murder Weapon
- 2:45 Third Floor View
- 3:15 Stalk the Ground
- 3:45 Skawabunga
- 4:15 Soul Lemon
- 5:00 The Arcolytes
- 5:45 Vague Valentine
- 6:30 Too Late the Hero
- 7:15 Headstart!
- 8:00 Pete Kilpatrick
- 8:45 Zox
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'Sahara' brings Dirk Pitt to life

By Kal Dauphinee
Staff Writer

I had this tree house as a kid, and the thing was my pride and joy. The product of many summers, as well as many of my father's power tools that never made it back to the house, this simple structure nourished my imagination more than anything else. To the outsider, it was a shack elevated about four feet off the ground suspended between five trees. For me, however, it was always much more than that.

When I was nine it was the "Batcave," and later during my Superman phase, it was my very own "Fortress of Solitude." After my eleventh birthday it was the NUMA headquarters. I just lost more than half of you, didn't I? NUMA stands for the National Underwater and Marine Agency, and originally came from a series of novels written by Clive Cussler that narrate the adventures of a man named Dirk Pitt. The organization's purpose is to discover shipwrecks in an effort to conserve maritime heritage. Until now, however, Cussler's answer to England's suave MI6 icon has remained on the page.

Imagine if James Bond had been born in Texas instead of Britain and raised on grits 'n gravy instead of tea 'n biscuits — then you'd get Dirk Pitt. Granted, James Bond may be an American icon, but truthfully, the guy was always a little too clean for me. When I started reading Clive Cussler's Dirk Pitt adventures, though, I found a real hero worth the worship of an 11-year-old boy. So, when I heard that a movie

was in production, I had huge reservations. I mean, anytime an icon is brought to the big screen — whether it's Spiderman or Harry Potter — you run the risk of messing with someone's childhood illusions. After seeing Breck Eisner's version of my own childhood icon, I can say that this kid remained relatively unscathed.

"Sahara," starring Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn and Penelope Cruz, while not based on my favorite of Cussler's books, is one of the ballsier of the Dirk Pitt novels.

"...the two storylines bump n' grind together more than Paris Hilton on spring break."

While investigating the location of a lost Civil War ironside battleship, Pitt is lead to West Africa where he crosses paths with Doctor Eva Rojas, thankfully underplayed by Cruz, who is investigating an outbreak of a plague. The two are then conveniently thrown together in an adventure that's outcome has the potential to save mankind. Truthfully, the two storylines bump n' grind together more than Paris Hilton on spring break.

If I were to be completely straightforward, I would have to say that to the outsider this movie

might actually suck. After all, when you really want a movie to be good, you generally see it more as how you would like too and less like it actually is. And in this case, I have to wonder how much of my childhood I was projecting on screen. As a writer, I understand the process of editing for content and action but in the end, I honestly felt as if I'd only seen half of the movie. There was way too much left out in the name of streamlining the action.

Now it should serve as a warning sign that whenever the credits list more than three screenwriters you can almost always be assured that you just paid eight bucks to see a hack job on screen. Sadly, "Sahara" has four and even with the extra pens in the mix, it wasn't enough to offer any closure. The historical questions that the film dreggs up are never even addressed, such as why did this Civil War battleship cross the Atlantic to hide in Africa in the first place? What was the motive of the Africans who witnessed the event to call it the "ship of death?" I sat in my theater seat almost fuming at the fact that, while Clive Cussler had set up an amazing story, these jokers had stripped it of all historical details.

Matthew McConaughey's portrayal of Pitt isn't disappointing. He presents the man as all skill and no ego. An ex-Navy SEAL, Pitt became rich doing underwater salvage with his ex-Navy Seal buddy Al Giordino who was punched to life by Steve Zahn in a role that, in my opinion, takes him from B-list funny man to an A-list star. I mean in six years the guys gone from "Saving Silverman" with Jason



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BULLET RIDDLED — Matthew McConaughey stars as Dirk Pitt in "Sahara" an adaptation of Clive Cussler's book.

Biggs to "Sahara" with Matthew McConaughey, and that, my friends, is what you call a vertical career move.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for Penelope Cruz who we know, thanks only to the clipboard she carried around, played a doctor. I've seen squirt guns with better range than this woman and still she manages to get work. French actor Lambert Wilson, last seen serving up "happy cake" in the Matrix, does a fair job in the role of the very Bond style villain, Yves Massarde, but ultimately is left unrealized. Strong supporting performances by the likes of William H. Macy and Delroy Lindo definitely help to pull this production up a good deal but even with good actors a film suffers if the story isn't there.

You might think as this point that I didn't like the film but overall I'd say Sahara was a decent action flick. It's definitely not \$8 ticket price material but is certainly one of the stronger matinee choices out

there. And when you couple the ticket receipts that made it No. 1 at the box office last week, with the dozen more Dirk Pitt novels to choose from I'm sure we haven't seen the last of McConaughey in this role.

As for me I'll stick with my paperback childhood illusions safely packed in a box in my parents attic. I can always pull those cover tattered adventures out of the attic, should the sequel be worse than the first. I think everyone remembers a film called "Tomb Raider: Cradle of Life" — ouch.

However, I will not be returning to my NUMA headquarters anytime soon. You see, not long after I graduated high school my father discovered that the small patch of trees out back of our house that I had reserved for my tree house as a kid made a great landfill. So much for parents respecting the sanctity of childhood illusions — but that, my friends, is a whole other story.

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Brewer eyes major renovations to mill

Officials look to re-imagine city economy

By Rachel Irwin
Staff Writer

Picture a perfect Friday evening in a scenic city: Dressing up for dinner and drinks at a quaint restaurant, walking down cobblestone streets to window shop or chat with friends, capping off the night with a movie or heading to the nearest night club.

Students at the University of Maine may not imagine an evening like this within the boundaries of campus but by next year these possibilities may be less than a half-hour away on the Brewer waterfront.

When the Eastern Fine Paper Mill shut down last year, Brewer officials saw an opportunity to utilize the 41 acres of space and create a stimulating experience for people of all ages.

Brewer chose Michael Stern, a Minnesota developer, to head the proposed two-phase project. The first phase includes redeveloping the existing structure and the second involves creating more buildings to expand the uses of the mill.

"There was harmony between Michael's plan and what the public wanted to see happen to the mill site," said Drew Sachs, Brewer's

director of economic development.

The \$40 to \$50 million project will create a "community within a community," offering housing, employment and entertainment in one location. His vision extends to the Orono area and offers college students a place to spend the day or evening shopping, dining or touring a museum.

Stern's initial goal is to remodel the central corridor in the mill into an old-city streetscape. Cobblestone walkways, park benches and lamp post lighting will accentuate the shops and restaurants lining the corridor.

A marketplace area, shops and boutiques are expected to attract students with specialty stores featuring gifts, Maine-made products and antiques. Upscale businesses like L.L. Bean and Crate & Barrel are expected to join the retail corridor during the second phase of the project.

Students tired of shopping will enjoy trendy restaurants and themed brew pubs. A martini bar, wine bar and sports bar will also be located throughout the venue for friends or couples looking for a



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SNEAK PEAK — Architectural firm WBRC's sketch of what the Eastern Fine Paper Mill will look like if current plans to renovate it become a reality.

nice dining or bar experience.

Students interested in the arts will have access to theaters, orchestra halls, museums, art galleries and production space to accommodate aspiring artists.

During the winter months, students can warm up inside by going to a movie theater, night club or comedy club, and in the spring and fall can enjoy the marina and the jogging trails along the Penobscot River.

A major goal outlined in Stern's renovation proposal is to market the complex to college students looking to stay in the area after graduation. A portion of the mill will be utilized for offices for new businesses, with the potential to draw students into the local creative economy.

The first phase of development is expected to be completed by next year, with housing the first list to be finished. The re-development site will offer apartments, condomini-

ums and brownstone residences to those looking to live in the complex.

Officials are also working to bridge the transportation gap between Orono and Brewer by hiring a van service or making a deal with the BAT program to transport interested students to the mill.

"There will be no place like this in the area," said Sachs. "People can work here, live here or come for an afternoon to eat a meal and catch a jazz performance."

Take the red pill, live like Neo in impressive 'Matrix Online'

By Matt Desmond
Staff Writer

In 1999, "The Matrix" was released by Warner Brothers and the movie went on to become one of the biggest blockbusters in recent years. In light of the success of the film, WB has teamed up with Sega to create "The Matrix Online," the first massively multiplayer online role-playing game set within "The Matrix" world. For a nominal fee of \$12.95 each month, players can create a character and jack into the Matrix.

Character creation is simple enough. You select your character's gender, along with a psychological profile that determines starting attributes and their belief in the matrix. From there you can edit their physical appearance by choosing hair color, eye color, skin color, build and clothing, among other choices. Next, you jack into a training program that familiarizes you with everything you will need to know before going into the matrix as an Awakened red pill. Combat, movement and skills upgrading are all covered in the training sessions.

Once you have finished the training you are ready to jack into the matrix. One thing of note is that there are no specific character classes within the game. Everyone starts out as an "Awakened," but from there you can upgrade your memory — which is limited until you hit a new level, with different skills. You can go on one of three different paths: Coder, Hacker or Operative. Once you have chosen a branch — you can choose multiple branches — you can spread out into the different disciplines. The Coder discipline allows you to become an arti-

san or a technician, while the Hacker discipline allows you to be a medic or a damage specialist. The Operative discipline allows the most free range of motion in what you can do. For example, you can become a spy and from there an infiltrator, or an assassin. You can also choose to be a soldier and become a kung fu expert or a ranged weapons expert.

While in the matrix, you can work for one of three different factions, the Zionists — think Neo and Morpheus — The Machines, a la Agent Smith or the Merovingian — AI programs with free will — and conduct various missions. They range in difficulty, including going to point A, pick up this item, take it to point B; or escorting someone from point A to point B to point C. Some other missions include breaking into different facilities and stealing data disks from computers, or stealing information from a server. You gain some experience from completing missions, but the majority of experience points that you can gain comes from fighting enemies. When you gain experience you level up, the more experience you gain, the more abilities you unlock and the more powerful you become.

The best part of The Matrix Online has got to be the graphics. While they aren't as powerful as compared to "Half-Life 2" or "Brothers in Arms," they are still beautiful compared to other role-playing games like "Everquest 2" and "Star Wars: Galaxies." They help recreate the gritty look and feel of the films, but that's not the coolest part. When you jack into the Matrix, you can see everyone, but all you see over the silhouettes of people and buildings and lines of code, to signify that you are in the Matrix. It's a

pretty brilliant feature. The sound in the game is decent as well but the most impressive element of the game is the combat system.

When you enter into combat a small box of abilities and moves pops up. For example, you can fight hand to hand and perform different moves like kicks, punches, grabs and even dirty tactics such as "Cheap Shot." You can also use pistols, rifles, submachine guns and shotguns. The more advanced the enemy, the more experience you earn, but the more experienced the enemy is than you, the more likely you are to get a good whipping. Although, in some cases, that's not always true. For example, Level 10 Agents are able to trash two level 20 characters in certain circumstances. Speaking of Agents, Agents are all around the Matrix. When you finish a mission you have a certain amount of time to get out of the mission area before Agents show up and ruin your party.

The grouping system is alright. But, due to some minor lag issues, which will be straightened out as more servers are added, it is better to go about your missions on your own. Until you get a certain reputation, you can only form temporary groups with other players, as your reputation level increases in a certain faction, you can have the option of forming your own crew — again think Neo, Morpheus and the gang — and doing missions for your faction.

As far as MMORPGs go, "The Matrix Online" is perhaps one of the most innovative and technologically advanced of its kind. If you don't mind the nominal fee, and are really into "The Matrix" films, "The Matrix Online" is the game for you.

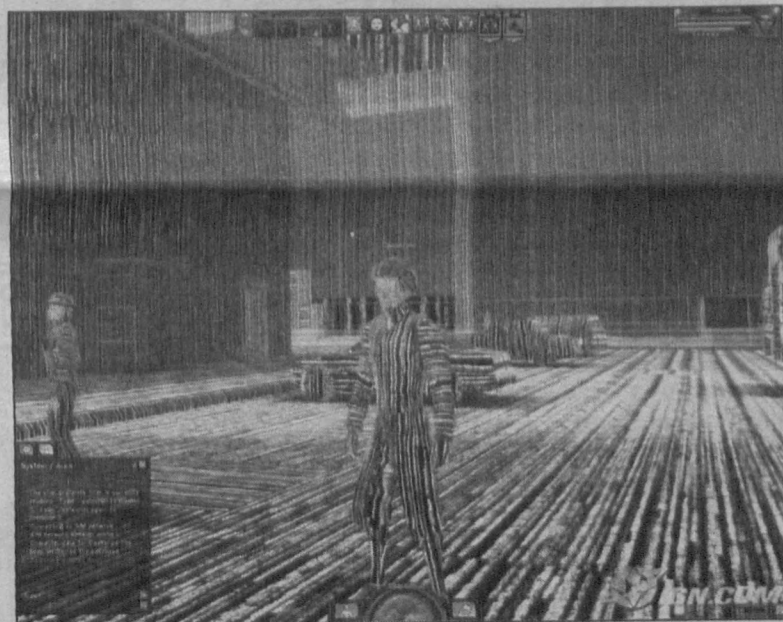


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By Linda C. Black

March 21 to April 19

Do more studying before you launch a new adventure. You like excitement, of course, but there are some surprises you can avoid. It's recommended that you find out what they are, as much as possible.

April 20 to May 20

There's plenty of work, but you may have been worried that you'd never see any pay. The barriers are dissolving and soon the money will come pouring in.

May 21 to June 21

Mercury, the planet that rules Gemini, is going direct. That means it doesn't appear to be going backwards anymore. This may have a similar impact on your life.

June 22 to July 22

The confusion you've been laboring under will soon begin to clear. The next assignment that comes your way is already overdue. That sharpens your instincts wonderfully.

July 23 to Aug. 22

After a difficult couple of days, you'll be ready to relax. Your friends don't have to be convinced. Spread the word; they'll be eager to help.

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

Mercury, your ruling planet, is finally going direct. This means a lot of the annoyances you've had to deal with will simply fade away. Hallelujah!

Sept. 23 to Oct. 22

The coast is clear and conditions look good for a brief escapade. Even if you've been turned down before, try again.

Oct. 23 to Nov. 21

Many of the irritations you've been encountering will soon be gone. You'll have less spillage and breakage, too, in the next few weeks. Be patient.

Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

Your sense of humor is excellent. Even those who didn't agree with you at first are well entertained. As you know, that's more than half the battle.

Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

Something that was all clogged up is starting to flow freely. Since you've been worried about it, this is a great relief.

Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

You're past the hard part in learning a new skill. It gets easier from now on. Discuss this phenomenon with a person who's sure to understand.

Feb. 19 to March 20

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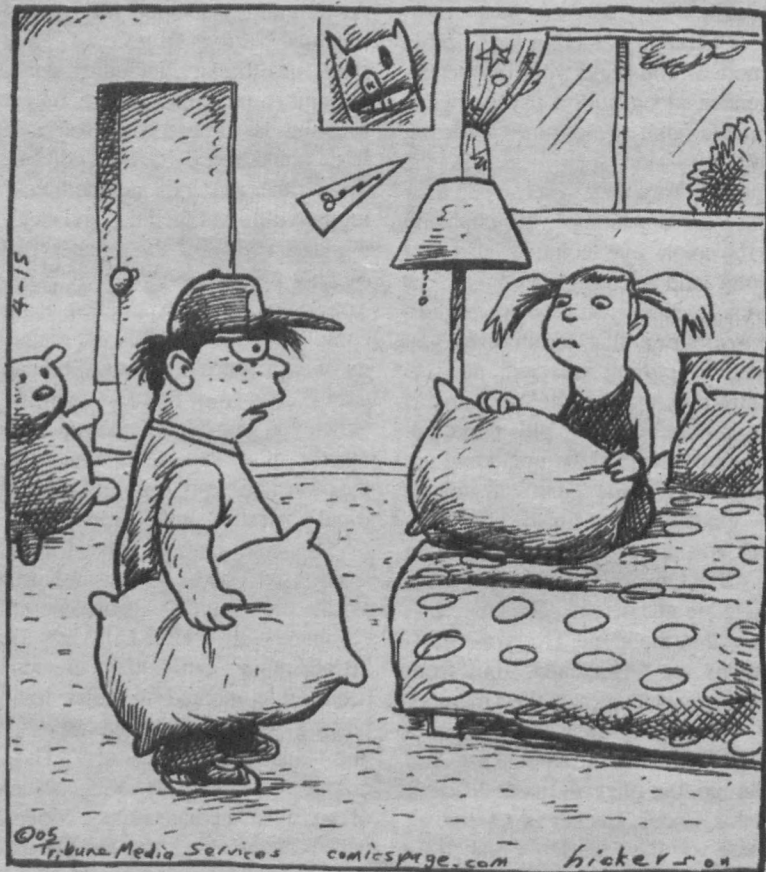
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In 1946 A.D., people who refused to embrace the sedative qualities of TV were flung into the grisly conversation pit.

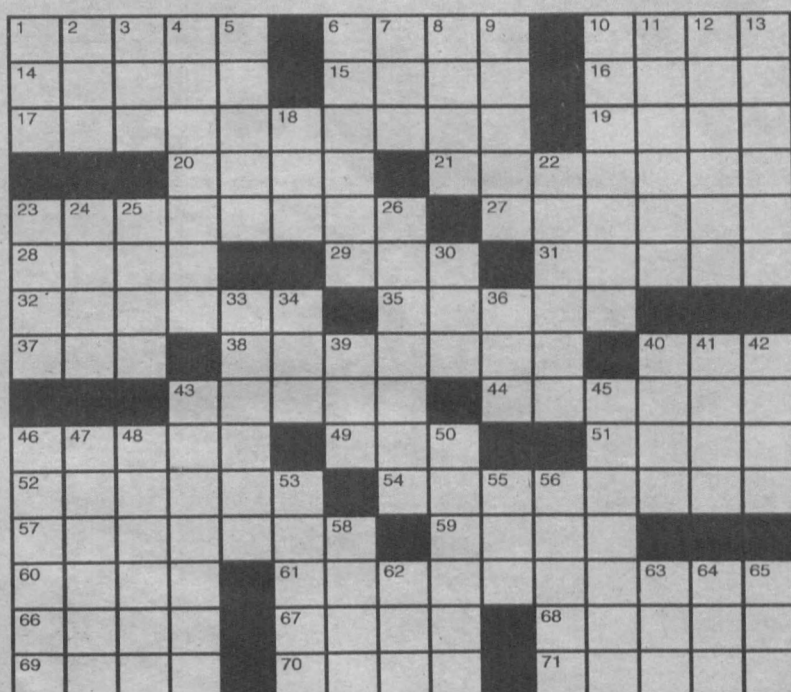


"Okay, before we start, the first rule of Pillow Fight Club is ... never talk about Pillow Fight Club ..."

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- ACROSS**
- Cop's ID
 - Belgian border city
 - Complexion woe
 - Hunter of stars
 - Sailor's hello
 - Bank deal
 - Large sailing ship
 - Musical group
 - Coll. residence
 - Swiss canton
 - Homeless feline
 - Cyrus II's empire
 - Feathery scarves
 - Fond du __, WI
 - Longhorn
 - University treasurer
 - Trunk
 - Annex
 - Sweeper's accessory
 - Na Na
 - Wandering calf
 - Original copy
 - Up and about
 - AMA members
 - Poi source
 - Brings up
 - Smiled coyly
 - Fixed attitude
 - Short-tailed, diving bird
 - Pond growth
 - Limited in perspective
 - Knish store
 - Melody
 - Funeral song
 - Yemeni port
 - Crystal gazer
 - Icy rain

- DOWN**
- Ship's forward section
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 - Noisy clamor
 - Isis or Minerva
 - Relish
 - Man or mandrill, e.g.
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 - Coward of note
 - Maple product

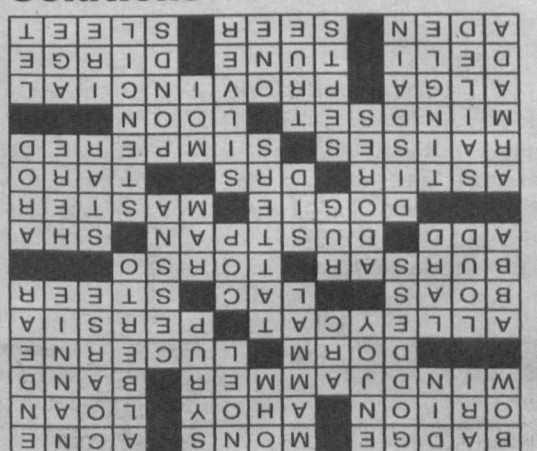


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Solutions

- Writer Moravia
- Lacking refinement
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- Make beloved
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- Swedish pop group
- Excessively showy
- Rendered fat
- Ragged clothing
- Fuzz person
- Worships
- Obyious toupee
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- Comic Caesar
- Texaco trademark
- Present!
- SS Alex
- Rodriguez
- Aloof contempt
- Lettering device
- Fleet of warships



- Put out to sea
- Prickling sensation
- Stevenson's Long John
- Clan divisions
- Me, in Paris
- Wannabe lakes
- Verifiable
- Small bill
- Anger
- Ripen
- Do-over tennis service

The consequence of success



Rambling Fool

By Benjamin Jarvela

I've been doing this column for a respectable amount of time now and *The Maine Campus* isn't the first place it's ever appeared. Throughout that time, I've received numerous alerts from readers pointing things out to me they feel I should be aware of. Most of these serve as inspiration in some form or another for the piece that follows it. Never before have I taken on the contents of one message so completely as I'm about to.

This particular issue was handed to me late last week by Patrick Heacock, a 33-year-old non-traditional University of Maine student who lives on the floor above me. Really, anyone that knocks on my door and says, "You have to see this sh*t," has my full attention. Given the cover story on the Monday edition of *The Maine Campus*, the timing on this couldn't have been better.

What he showed me blew my mind. Usually I avoid specific names when it comes to this sort of thing, but in this particular instance there's no way around it. As a registered Republican voter, Heacock took the logical step of signing up for the UMaine College Republicans mailing list. I confess that I, too, did the same thing, but requested to be removed shortly thereafter when I realized I wanted nothing to do with either of the ideological extremes that divide this campus. On March 30, Stephanie Beamish of the UMaine College Republicans spammed the membership list with the following:

"Do you see this? A great education we're getting here at UMaine!! I'm sure these classes will REALLY help in the future and make me more marketable to employers!! Bullshit. ~Steph."

Below the message was a list of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies courses being offered by the school for the summer and fall semesters of this year. Included in the lineup are gems like "CMJ 493: Sex/Gender/Communication," "SOC 329: Sociology of Gender," "WST 101: Introduction to Women's Studies" and "ANT 445: Sex & Gender in Anthropology."

Truly seditious stuff.

No, my problem isn't with Beamish's message — despite the questionable way in which she chose to "spread the word." While I don't see myself signing up for anything on that list, well, ever, courses like this have become standard fare at just about every liberal arts college in the nation. You'd be hard pressed to find a university that doesn't have a human sexuality course somewhere in its lineup (CHF 351 for those interested). Had I been on the receiving end of a message like this, I would likely have just shaken my head while I hit the delete key. Heacock, however, decided that he no longer wished to be apart of the mailing list as the message stuck him as a bit to intolerant for his liking. Remember — 33-year-old registered Republican. That's prime voting material there.

Heacock responded with the following message, printed here verbatim, to John M. Mitchell, also of the UMaine College Republicans.

"After receiving the e-mail from Stephanie Beamish on March 30, I would like to request that my name be removed from your rolls. I want no more contact with your narrow-minded organization. Your cooperation is appreciated."

This is where it gets interesting. Granted, "narrow-minded" has a bit of a sting to it, but I think it serves to drive home Heacock's frustration with a group that is, undeniably, getting more smug after electoral victories last fall. So, faced with a member who's obviously unhappy with his organization's prevailing mindset, Mitchell has two options:

One — Offer a mild apology for slightly offending Heacock, explain the position represented in the e-mail and try to persuade him to stay with the organization that needs all the active membership it can get, or at least continue to hear what they have to say in their regular spam messages.

Two — Tell Heacock to go f*ck himself.

Guess which one he chose?

"Our narrow-minded organization recognizes your ignorance and no longer wants to associate ourselves with you ... for that reason, we have taken the liberty of removing your from our membership lists — and request that you no longer attempt to associate yourself with the College Republicans. Your cooperation is appreciated."

Let's recap that all in case anyone is confused — the UMaine College Republicans irritated a member who's been a voting Republican almost as long as any of them have been alive and, rather than explain their position or attempt to reconcile their differences, the group responds with little more than "You can't leave! We're kicking you out ... stupid!"

This represents a mindset that is making itself more evident as time goes on. One need only look as far as the recent Terry Schiavo mess to see true gall in action. Many Republicans, spurred by their victory, are becoming more and more extreme, and risking the health of their entire political ideology in the process. You can't go around telling everyone you beat how much they suck for long before they get together to bring you down.

As one of a small handful of writers for *The Maine Campus* willing to give the right wing a chance, I find this particularly disturbing. I've gone out of my way on several occasions to balance some of what I see and try to give the other side a chance to be heard. If this is what I'm defending, though, and this is the group that stands to gain if anyone is convinced by the force of any of my arguments, I'm a little worried.

Political extremism, whether to the left or right, is dangerous in any form. The only reason the current system works is because the two keep trading power back and forth and tend to balance each other out in the long run. If the right wing keeps acting like this, however, I suspect they'll be trading it back much sooner than they'd like to think.

Please make sure I have been removed from your mailing list. I have no desire to go down with the ship.

You Are Here

By Aaron Warner



The Invisible Man takes a shower.

FRESH

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Kearney and Newman except credit for the tries, Guillerault is quick to point out that each score was a team effort.

"If one person scored, it's because four or five other people did something right," Guillerault said. "The forwards as a unit did what I told them to do during the match. We've got a really nasty back line and the forwards job is basically to get the ball to the back line."

The women's rugby team will travel to Rhode Island on Saturday for the Beast of the East tournament in Portsmouth. The Black Bears know they will play at least two matches on Saturday and more on Sunday if they are able to win. While they do not know who they will be playing, Guillerault said the team is looking forward to playing.

"We're not even worried who we are playing," he said. "We basically have a pretty basic game plan. We work on the basics and try to be in the best shape we can be in."

The Beast of the East tournament will feature 40 women's teams and 40 men's teams. Ten fields are in use at one time.



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STIFF ARMED — Kylie Newman avoids a defender during Sunday morning's women's rugby game on Morse Field. UMaine will play in the Maine Cup on April 22.

Maine has traditionally had strong showings in the annual Rhode Island tournament, and this season should prove to be no different.

Guillerault, who took the

place of former coach Dirk Storms, says his team is planning on winning in Rhode Island.

"Basically the idea is to always go down and plan on winning," he said, using it as the next

step to get ready for the Maine Cup."

UMaine will travel to Cumberland on April 22 to play in the Maine Cup. The team will compete with division opponents

Farmington, Bates, Bowdoin and Colby.

"It's a tournament to see who the best team in Maine is," Guillerault said, "so there is a pride factor there."

BASEBALL

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the Black Bears will finally open Mahaney Diamond this weekend against the University of Maryland Baltimore County. The teams will play a double header starting at noon on Saturday, and finish with a single game Sunday, also starting at noon.

"It's still relatively early, so we're more focused on the University of Maine than the opponent. We just need to play good baseball and that'll give us a chance to win," said Kostacopoulos.

UMaine's potent offense is led by freshman third baseman Curt Smith, who for the second time this season was named America East Rookie of the week on Monday. Smith had eight hits last weekend to go with three runs scored, two RBIs, and two

stolen bases. Smith leads the team with a .386 batting average, ranking him third in the conference.

The Black Bears lead America East in team batting average, hitting .312.

Freshman speedster Joe Hough leads the conference in triples with three, and in stolen bases, snatching 15 bases so far this season.

"We're really hitting the ball well, and it's even better that some of those hits are starting to come in clutch situations," said Kostacopoulos.

UMaine's pitching also sits near the top of the conference statistics, ranking third with a 4.03 team ERA and .272 average against. Greg Creek and Steve Richard top the conference in wins, and Richard leads in the strikeouts with 48.

After UMBC, the Black Bears travel to the Heights to take on traditional rival Boston College.

TRAVEL

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scrum down properly."

While the team lacks the presence of a coach to develop workouts, game strategies, and plays, Reichl said those things are the least of his concerns.

"My biggest fear is that without a coach something might not get taught properly and someone on the team will get severely hurt," he said. "So our search for a coach continues, but without any sort of incentive for a new coach, our hopes of find one continue to dwindle."

Although they have no coach the veteran players have taken the initiative to organize the team. With Reichl leaving after this semester, the duties of coaching will fall on the shoulders of junior William Dow, who will take the reigns as rugby club president next fall, although the team will still continue its search for a coach.

The team is constantly trying to recruit new players, as well. Joshua Taylor is the head of the team's recruiting efforts. With anywhere from 20 to 35 players showing up to practice on any given night, Taylor has helped build one of the largest rugby squads at UMaine in recent memory.

Reichl has delegated other duties to other veteran players as well. Junior Matt Mosley is in charge of scheduling matches, and sophomore Jacob Hanstein is in charge of the team's finances, including the \$400 entry fee the team had to raise to be able to participate in the Rhode Island tournament this weekend.

The team will travel to Cumberland on Saturday, April 23. They will play several matches against conference opponents in the annual Maine Cup tournament. Farmington, Bates, Bowdoin, Colby and Maine Maritime Academy are the team's in the Maine division. The six teams are members of the men's college division II North division.

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Red Sox jerseys, Tiger and the week in sports

By Kyle Fortinsky
For The Maine Campus

I like to imagine that people read my column. At least two people did last week; that's how many e-mails I've received regarding my innocent thoughts from Thursday's random musings. Both comments had to do with my women's basketball reference and, I have to admit, I was expecting it. A couple people reading the Maine Campus sports section for the first time, struggle through my half-ass column, and ultimately becoming peeved at the concluding four or so sentences. That's how things go right? I guess it's nearly impossible to get away with writing about anything as "controversial" as women's college basketball.

For this week's installment of shoddy points of view, I will try and keep it as PC as possible, avoiding as many sexist comments — that's how my two fans so eloquently put it — as possible.

Damn. As soon as I finished writing that sentence Serena Williams is now plastered on ESPNNews promoting she and her sister Venus' upcoming reality TV show. I'd throw out some details, but I can't hear over my roommate and his girlfriend playing slap and tickle next room over. It bugs you too doesn't it? In between giggles and squeaks — at least that's how I'd describe that last sound — I caught enough information to be greatly disappointed, realizing it is just like every other reality show: a shameless promotional ploy to generate buzz about something that would otherwise seem irrelevant to our everyday lives.

Looking over that last thought

it's tough not to think of the Red Sox. Maybe they have overstayed their welcome amid the mainstream media, and could spare the rest of the real "nation" by sticking to the New England talk show circuit, for those of us who have been fans since pre-1999. As far as I'm concerned Monday's ring ceremony was completely warranted. It wasn't overdone, over-flashy, over-indulgent, or over the top. Even the Yankees applauded and cordially watched the hour-plus event.

The media always find a way. A simple ring ceremony without controversy? I guess that doesn't exist anymore. Apparently Derek Lowe — winner of three of the most important post-season games in franchise history, and second only to Ortiz for most people's MVP honors — and Dave Roberts, single-handedly reviving the Sox and the only reason they won the Series, were disrespectful on a day when respect plastered Fenway Park. Tuesday and Wednesday were full of people yapping and whining about how Lowe and Roberts wore Sox jerseys while accepting the championship rings, how unacceptable it was, and that back in "their day" guys on Lowe and Roberts' new teams would be ticked off. Are you kidding me? Both were instrumental in the postseason run, both loved being on the team, both had prior consent from their new teams. Lowe had consent from the Dodgers and Roberts from the Padres to wear the jersey. Both made the effort to travel to Fenway. Where's the crime in that? It's OK to have loyalty to the team you won a World Series with, even when you aren't part of the team anymore.

The rings they were awarded were Red Sox championship rings, not Dodgers or Padres, who I hope never win another one just because of this fiasco, so how is sporting a Sox jersey for 20 minutes even a little strange? It's like showing up to a nice Italian restaurant and ordering a hot dog. Complete disrespect to the establishment for which you belong to in the first place. I could spend a whole column on this subject, but then I'd sound like one of those windbags I just lambasted.

I can't end this without a few more points of interest. Tiger's Masters victory last Sunday solidifies the fact that his new swing is coming around. That birdie shot on 16 was the most amazing shot of the tournament — maybe ever — but the old Tiger would have capitalized on the momentum and gone one under in the final two holes, negating the words "playoff with Chris DiMarco" from even entering our thoughts. He's still got some kinks to work out. By the way, I'm halfway right about Woods winning two majors in 2005. Probably the U.S. Open, just wait.

Finally, where's the love for Ricky Davis? It's all over Boston, but what about some serious national consideration for sixth-man honors? The C's have done well since getting Walker back, but Davis is the glue on the defensive side of the ball and can drain jumpers when necessary. His numbers: 16 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists during 32 minutes a game will be extremely important come playoff time. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm about to walk through my roommates' door with a baseball bat and bad intentions.



CELTICS CORNER

By Matthew Williams
For The Maine Campus

Maybe that championship talk was a little premature, huh? After winning 11 of 12 games following the NBA trade deadline, the Boston Celtics have won just four of their last nine and are developing a curious inability to maintain All-Star players.

The slide started innocently enough, with an excusable off-shooting night against the Knicks, a closely contested game against the Bulls and coming out on the wrong end of an overtime thriller in Detroit. A win over Atlanta and it seemed like the season was back on track. That was until Allen Iverson came to town.

Two weeks ago on national television the Celtics were embarrassed in their own building by the team they were supposed to be burying in the Atlantic Division race. The 76ers raced to a 26 point first-quarter lead and never looked back. Boston came within 10 points several times but never led the game. Philly was led by Iverson's 38 points.

The Celtics beat the Wizards and Bucks during the week and the Philly debacle seemed behind them.

Last Saturday, however, it was Vince Carter of the New Jersey Nets who brought them crashing down to Earth. Vin-sanity scored 24 in the first, an NBA high this season, en route to a season-high 45 to lead the Nets to a 99-86 win.

Philly's win later that night left the Green clinging to a two game lead for the division title. Boston and Philadelphia played Tuesday night in a game with serious implications. The Celtics struggled throughout the game defensively, but were able to escape with a 105-98 victory, thanks in part to the timely scoring of Paul Pierce. The Celtics and Sixers were tied with a little less than a minute left when Pierce nailed a 18-footer to put Boston up for good. However, Boston was still unable to defend a tenacious Iverson, who tallied 28 points.

The win improved their lead in the Atlantic Conference by three games with just five games remaining. If the Celtics blow the division title, their playoff seed falls from 3 to 7 or 8, and they lose the comfort of playing at the FleetCenter, where they're 26-13 this year.

More concerning though, is their complete ineptness when it comes to defending against the league's best players. Most teams they see in the playoffs are going to have at least one big star and they can't let the Iversons and Carters of the league walk all over them if they expect to advance.

No matter what the solution is, the Celtics need to find it and fast. They need to build some momentum and some confidence going into the playoffs, and with just six games remaining, there's no time to spare.

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Fri. 14 Denver
Sat. 15 Denver
Fri. 21 Alabama - Huntsville
Sat. 22 Alabama - Huntsville
Fri. 28 at Boston College
Sat. 29 at Massachusetts

November

Fri. 4 Merrimack
Sun. 6 Boston University
Fri. 11 at UMass Lowell
Sat. 12 at New Hampshire
Sat. 19 USA Under-18
Fri. 25 Sacred Heart University
Sun. 27 Vermont

December

Sat. 3 at Providence
Wed. 7 Brown
Sat. 10 Northeastern
Tue. 27 Minnesota - Duluth
Wed. 28 Florida College Classic

January

Fri. 6 UMass Lowell
Sat. 7 UMass Lowell
Fri. 13 at Boston University
Sat. 14 at Boston University
Fri. 20 Providence
Sat. 21 Providence
Fri. 27 at Northeastern
Sat. 28 at Northeastern

February

Fri. 3 New Hampshire
Sat. 4 New Hampshire
Fri. 10 at Vermont
Sat. 11 at Vermont
Fri. 17 Boston College
Sat. 18 Boston College
Fri. 24 at Merrimack
Sat. 25 at Merrimack

March

Fri. 3 Massachusetts
Sat. 4 Massachusetts

SEASON

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or Northeastern. This is the third straight year the team has competed in the Christmas tournament. On Oct. 21 and 22, Alabama-Huntsville will come to Orono for another non-conference duel.

The Hockey East season kicks off on Oct. 28 with a exciting duel with 2005 Hockey East Regular Season Champion Boston College in Chestnut Hill. The heat continues the next night with an engagement against the University of Massachusetts.

November promises to bring its own set of obstacles, with games against the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, the University of New Hampshire and their first Hockey East tussle with Vermont. In December, arguably the lightest of all months, the Black Bears play Providence, Brown, and Northeastern all-in-one game series.

The emergence of January brings with the Black Bears first

appearance at Boston University's Agganis Arena. The Terrier's host UMaine for a two game series Jan. 13 and 14 during winter break. UMaine returns to the Hub again in January for a two-game slate at Matthew's Arena against Northeastern.

While December serves as the Black Bears weakest month, February like always is poised to be the most difficult by far. To begin the month, UNH comes to town for another installment of the Border War. The rivalry matches are set for Feb. 3 and 4. Following the Wildcats visit, the Black Bears travel to Gutterson Fieldhouse for what promises to be an exciting series against Vermont. The 2005 season will be the Catamounts first year in Hockey East. The end of the month brings Boston College back to Maine for a series that will likely have serious implications on the rest of the season. The games are scheduled for Feb. 17 and 18.

The Black Bears play their final regular season series on March 3 and 4 against the University of Massachusetts.

Black Bears ready for Stony Brook

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

With a mid-April snow storm on Tuesday, the University of Maine softball team was forced to post-

Softball

pone its home doubleheader with Boston University.

"Only in Maine are we an indoor sport," joked UMaine head coach Michelle Puls.

Maine and BU were predicted to finish in the top two slots in the America East by the preseason coaches' poll. While both teams are off to good starts, they will have to wait a few more weeks before they will play each other.

While no official make-up date has been set, Puls says her team will most likely play the two games at BU when the two teams meet later in the month.

UMaine beat Hartford twice over the weekend. The Black Bears improved their conference record to 4-1. The team beat the Hawks 7-1 on Saturday but then fell short in the second game of the day 3-2. UMaine battled back on Sunday

and beat Hartford 3-2 in extra innings.

"I thought our bats came alive in the first game," said Puls. "Unfortunately they let down in the second game."

UMaine will take its 4-1 record to Vermont on Saturday. The Catamounts are 2-4 in conference play but are not to be overlooked.

"They've had two good wins against UMBC and Stony Brook, and they're a team not to be taken lightly," said Puls. "They're a bit of an unknown in the conference just because of the fact that the kids who are coming up for them are freshman."

Vermont, who is 13-8 overall, is young, while UMaine is full of veteran players. Puls says her veteran team has been inconsistent just about everywhere except for pitching.

"The one place we've had consistency has been our pitching," she said. "That's been solid with all four of our pitchers on our staff right now."

UMaine's pitchers are junior Sarah Bennis, seniors Candace Jaegge, Jenna Merchant, and sophomore Alexis Pullen. Puls says that Bennis will most likely start the first

game of the weekend in Vermont, with Jaegge and Merchant to follow.

Bennis has an earned run average of 1.57, which is best on the team and second best in the conference. She is 3-0 in conference play. Merchant has a 2.25 ERA against conference teams and Jaegge comes in at 3.00 ERA.

The Black Bears will open their series with the Catamounts in Burlington at noon on Saturday. They will play a double-header that day and then play another game Sunday at noon.

"It's supposed to be great weather up there and that's always a plus," said Puls. "It's going to be nice."

The Black Bears will return to UMaine next Tuesday, but not to Orono. They will make a stop in Waterville to take on Colby. The game will be played at 4:30 p.m.

UMaine's 4-1 record is good enough to be tied for second in the America East. Albany is also 4-1, and Stony Brook is out in front at 5-1. UMaine is 9-17 overall. The top four teams make the conference tournament. While the conference tournament was held in Orono last season, it will be held in Stony Brook, N.Y. this season.

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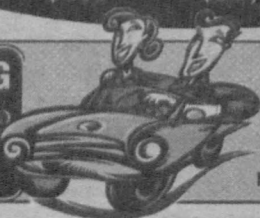
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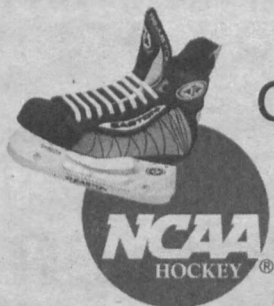
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COLLEGE HOCKEY CORNER

By Eric Gullickson
For The Maine Campus

With four Western Collegiate Hockey Association teams in this season's frozen four, the competition was not only fierce but familiar. The four teams also made up the final four of the WCHA tournament won by the Denver Pioneers. Denver, who looked to skate their way into the history books by becoming the second team in 35 years to win back-to-back NCAA championships, was the favorite in the NCAA tournament. They had defeated the University of Maine 1-0 in last season's

National Championship game, winning the school's first title since 1969. Last weekend, Denver's special teams, who scored eight goals in the frozen four, led them back to the promised land.

In last Friday's first national semifinal matchup Colorado College took on Denver in what was billed to be a classic college hockey duel. The game was not close, but astoundingly every goal in the 6-2 Pioneer victory came on the power play. Denver's passing and set plays dazzled the Tiger defense. The Denver defense was stellar, and Gabe Gauthier once again was involved in much of the offense for the defending national champions. Hobey Baker winner Marty Sertich and Hobey Baker finalist Brett Sterling were nowhere to be found for the Tigers in the penalty filled contest. Denver freshmen goaltender Peter Mannino kept Denver on top despite being outshot by Colorado College. The two teams are well-known hockey rivals, and the semifinal was the sixth meeting this season for the two clubs. They played four regular-season games, the WCHA championship, and Friday's NCAA semifinals. Denver won the series overall 4-2.

In the other semifinal, Minnesota took on North Dakota in a border battle classic. Minnesota was coming off two overtime thrillers and this time there was no magic on the ice for the Gophers. North Dakota used its size to dump

and chase, outplaying the Gophers at both ends of the rink.

North Dakota grabbed a 4-0 lead early in the third period and it seemed to be over. Minnesota made a push, grabbing two quick goals to cut the lead to 4-2. North Dakota's talented netminder Jordan Parise, who has been the back stop for the Souix, carried them into the NCAA championship game on Saturday.

Parise is being compared to another awkward style goaltender from North Dakota — Eddie "The Eagle" Belfour. Belfour led the Sioux to an NCAA championship in 1987 and was on hand for Friday's game to cheer on his alma mater.

In the final on Saturday night, both North Dakota and Denver stressed hitting and traffic in front of the net early, leading to a goal apiece early on in the game. The teams headed to the locker room squared 1-1 after the first period. Denver's power play continued to shine as WCHA Rookie of the Year Paul Stastny deflected a rocket from the point and gave Denver a 2-1 lead early in the second period. The third period was the same story for Denver. Stastny added another power play goal on an amazing set power-play for Denver. The Pioneers locked down their zone and played like they owned college hockey the rest of the way, coasting to back to back National titles. Gabe Gauthier added an empty-netter, which fittingly sealed the deal for the Pioneers title glory.

Freshman goalie Minnino was named Most Outstanding Player of the tournament. Minnino had been alternating games with sophomore Glenn Fisher, but due to his remarkable play against Colorado College he got the nod for the championship. Minnino only allowed five goals in the three games he played in the NCAA tournament and was rightfully granted the award after carrying Denver to the title.

Such great heights



CAMPUS PHOTO BY STEVEN KNAPP

SKY SAILOR — Troy Irvine pole vaults over the bar while a few fans watch during UMaine's home last Tuesday. The men's and women's teams return to action next weekend.

Former UM assistant hired at NE

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

For four years at the University of Maine, Greg Cronin was "that guy." Yesterday, Northeastern University declared Cronin "the" guy.

Men's Hockey

On Tuesday, following a week-and-a-half of speculation, Cronin was named the head coach of the Northeastern men's ice hockey team. Cronin, a former assistant for the UMaine men's hockey team, is set to take over for Bruce Crowder, who was fired March 17 by NU athletic director Dave O'Brien.

During a press conference to introduce Cronin, O'Brien addressed what drew him to the fiery Arlington, Mass. native.

"After one lunch, I knew he had grit and determination," said O'Brien.

Cronin currently has three games remaining in his second season at the helm of the Bridport Sound Tigers. The Sound Tigers are the AHL farm club of the New York Islanders. Since 1998, Cronin has been part of the Islanders organization, holding such positions as assistant coach and director of player development.

Before his time with the Islanders, Cronin was a member of former

UMaine head coach Shawn Walsh's illustrious bench. As an assistant coach at UMaine from 1993-1995, Cronin was part of the national championship team in 1993 and the national runner up squad in 1995. However, it was in 1996 when Cronin made his presence felt in Orono. After UMaine suspended Walsh for a year for violations of NCAA rules, the school declared Cronin interim head coach from December 1995 to December 1996. With the reins in his possession, Cronin delivered.

In his first head coaching appearance at the collegiate level, Cronin steered the Black Bears to a 27-14-2 record. More importantly though, Cronin guided UMaine to the Hockey East Final where they lost to Providence 3-2.

After the defeat, Cronin moved on to the National Team Development Program where he coached from 1997-1998. Cronin also coached at Colorado College, where he was an assistant from 1990-1993. During his time there he recruited Peter Geronazzo, who was named an All-American the year the Tigers lost the National Championship.

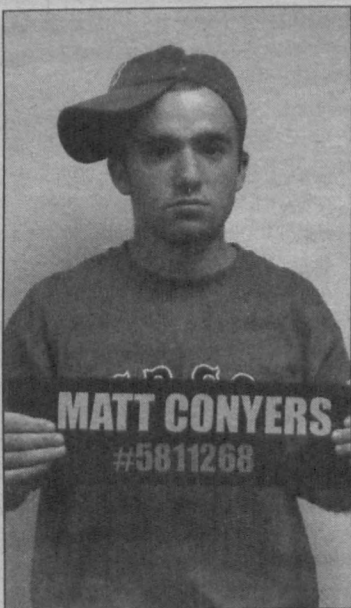
The Colby College alumni has plenty of work to do with the Huskies losing one of their best senior classes this season. Northeastern will enter the new year without seniors Jason

Guerriero, goaltender Keni Gibson and Tim Judy. Guerriero finished the season as Hockey East's top-scorer, while Gibson was named to the All-Hockey East first team. Judy was named Best Defensive Defenseman in Hockey East.

The talented trio help guide the Huskies to a 15-18-5 record on the year and 10-10-4 mark in Hockey East. Northeastern finished sixth in the conference and lost to the University of New Hampshire in the quarterfinals of the Hockey East Tournament. The highlight in an otherwise disappointing season for Northeastern was their appearance in the Beanpot Championship. Despite a valiant effort by Gibson and company, the Huskies fell to Boston University in overtime. Cronin hopes to use the school's location and its famous home rink, Matthews Arena, as tools in luring top players to the program. During the recruitment process, Cronin will be competing against Harvard, Boston College and Boston University.

Northeastern may even have more of a Black Bear influence if Cronin decides to retain current Northeastern assistant Gene Reilly, who coached under Walsh from 1998-2001.

The Black Bears will get their first taste of Cronin's Huskies on Saturday, Dec. 10 in Orono.



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Black Bears announce captains for new season

Men's ice hockey squad also reveals 2005-2006 schedule, home series with Denver, BC, UNH

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

On Tuesday, the University of Maine men's ice hockey program took their first step in establishing their new identity, naming Greg Moore captain of the 2005-2006 season.

Moore will be assisted by forward Michel Leveille, defenseman Steve Mullin and netminder Jimmy Howard, all of whom were named assistant captains for the upcoming season. The group includes three seniors, Moore, Mullin and Howard, and one junior, Leveille, who was an assistant captain this season.

The group boasts an interesting mixture of leadership, skill and experience. All four captains have seen considerable time since their freshmen year and were part of the Black Bears 2004 title run, which saw the squad fall to Denver in the National Championship game.

Moore and Howard both stand as the most experienced of the bunch. Each were part of the National Development program in their pre-Black Bear years. Moore, who was tied for the team lead in goals last season with 14, also played with the U.S. 19 and under squad during his sophomore year.

Coinciding with the naming of

next year's captains was the release of the 2005-2006 regular season schedule. With it comes the opportunity for redemption. Resting comfortably atop the Black Bears schedule is a date with two-time defending National Champion Denver. The series, which is the Black Bears home opener, is the two team's first entanglement since their 2004 title bout. The games are set for Oct. 14 and 15 and mark the start of home schedule that hosts seven teams that competed in the 2005 NCAA Tournament.

Also looming large on the schedule are season-opening dates against Air Force and Colorado College in



Moore

Leveille

Mullin

Howard

the Icebreaker Tournament at Colorado College. The hockey year opens up on Friday, Oct. 7 with the Air Force contest. The Black Bears will play the Tigers the next night.

UMaine will see more out-of-

conference foes in the Florida College Classic on Dec. 27 and 28. During this span they will play Minnesota-Duluth and either Cornell

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UM hopes to conquer weather as well as foes

By Matthew Williams
Staff Writer

Snowed out? Plenty of baseball games are delayed or postponed due to rain over the course of a season,

Baseball

but given that the players are often called the boys of summer, snow is not a typical concern.

But, that's exactly what the University of Maine baseball team had to deal with Tuesday, with their home opener against Thomas College was postponed due to snow flurries. UMaine head coach Paul Kostacopoulos discussed the weather's impact on the team last week.

"At the beginning of a season it takes a little while to get that continuity, especially in Maine, with the weather and the schedule," said Kostacopoulos, "20 or so games on the road, it starts to get to you. The more games you play, the better off you are."

UMaine hit the road again on Wednesday, heading to Providence for a doubleheader with Brown. As of press time the results of the doubleheader were unavailable.

The Black Bears are hot, having won two out of three in a series against the Albany Great Danes. UMaine swept a doubleheader on Saturday, and narrowly missed the sweep Sunday when the Great Danes denied a ninth-inning comeback bid.

UMaine has now won nine of its last 11 games, improving its record to 15-9 this season. The Black Bears stand at 2-1, good for second place early in the America East conference schedule.

"We're getting better, and we're starting to get hot at the right time," said Kostacopoulos.

Barring an unforeseen blizzard,

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

BEAR HUG — Jennafer Malek presses forward during Sunday morning's women's rugby game held at Morse Field. The Black Bears cruised to a 22-0 victory over the University of Maine at Farmington.

Rugby squads prepare to reload for spring

Women get off to fresh start with victory

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

Tim Guillerault is in his first year as head coach of the women's rugby team, and he is off to a good start. His team opened its spring season on Sunday with a 22-0 win over Farmington.

Led by outside center Chantrelle Cousins, who scored two tries, the Black Bears outplayed the visiting Beavers on their way to the impressive shutout on Morse Field. UMaine's stellar play on defense helped create offense and shut down the Farmington attack.

"It was the first time we've played since I've been here," Guillerault said, who played rugby in college at UMF and also

played two years of men's league rugby. "I didn't really know what to expect."

While in his first year as assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Maine, Guillerault said he did not know what to expect going into Sunday's match, he was pleased with how his team outworked its opponent.

"When the final whistle blew the other team was happy to hear it," he said. "We were more than willing to keep playing."

Inside center Kylie Newman and winger Erin Kearney each scored a try for UMaine as well, and fullback Sue Harsche hit a two point conversion kick from a very tough angle. While Cousins,

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Men travel to Rhode Island for tournament

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's rugby team will play its first game of the spring season on Saturday. They will travel to Portsmouth, RI, where they will take part in the 22nd annual Beast of the East tournament. While they do not know yet who they will be playing, they know they are guaranteed to play two matches.

The Black Bears also know they will face tough competition, but the team is excited to just get out and play.

"We have many new players," said senior Bill Reichl, "and it will be good to get them some game time, after practicing in the gym."

The team practices from 10 p.m. to midnight on Sunday and Thursday nights in the Memorial Gym. With

no outside field time available to the team, the two day weekend tournament this weekend will be the team's first action on an outdoor field since last fall.

Reichl, the team's captain, is in his final season with the team. He has been the team's acting coach in past seasons, and will play that same role this spring. He says the team has desperately tried to find a coach, but with recent cuts to recreational sports, the department cannot afford to pay for a rugby coach, so the duties of coaching fall on the shoulders of the veteran players.

"It is hard to find someone to come out and teach new players the skills of rugby," said Reichl. "Coaches need to teach the new players how to tackle, ruck, and

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